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UPDATE

Investiture of President Minks set for Oct. 27 Ceremony will be held in Montgomery Auditorium

The investiture ceremony for Dr. Larry Minks, 19th president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. in Montgomery Auditorium (Morrison Hall), followed by a reception in the Glen D. Johnson Student Union.

Minks served as interim president from July 1, 2009, to Jan. 21, 2010, when he was named permanent president by the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents.

Numerous dignitaries are expected to attend the investiture, which is a formal ceremony of conferring the authority and symbols of a high office.

Mrs. Vicki Hudson, Assistant Professor and Chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Dr. Ernest Sturch, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Southeastern, will offer the welcome.

Scheduled to offer salutations are Chancellor Glen D. Johnson of the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education; Regent John Massey of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; Dr. Kenneth Chinn, Faculty Senate Chair; Ms. Teriki Hicks, President, Southeastern Staff Association; Mr. Matt Heggy, President, Student Government Association; and Mr. Mark Webb, President, Southeastern Alumni Association.

Chancellor Johnson will also present the symbols of office, while Regent Connie Reilly of the Regional University System of Oklahoma will offer the charge of office.

Serving as chairs of the Investiture Committee are Dr. Chinn, Ms. Hicks, and Mr. Heggy.

The public is invited to attend.



Dr. Larry Minks



Tigner Shakespearean gift presented to Southeastern

The Evert Tigner Shakespearean Collection was dedicated Sept. 24 in a specially created room on the first floor of the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University campus.

An overflow crowd of friends, students, faculty, and staff attended the ceremony, which included comments by Tigner, Southeastern president Larry Minks, and executive director of university advancement Kyle Stafford. In addition, Dell McLain, chair of Art, Communication, and Theatre, offered a special reading.

The art collection is comprised of numerous pieces of Shakespeare items, including porcelain figures, china plates, portraits, photographs, and prints. Also included is an inventory list of the known history of each item.

"I discovered the author and playwright, William Shakespeare, over half a century ago in my English class at Albany (Okla.) High School," Tigner said. "His vast knowledge of the universe, wonderful characterizations, and famous quotes inspire me.

"Shakespeare has been the most popular writer in the English language for the past 400 years. I have been collecting items related to Shakespeare for the past 50 years, consisting of many rare and valuable pieces. It is my pleasure to share my collection with the library at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. I hope my gift will enhance the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival held at Southeastern each summer. I also hope my gift will inspire students to discover the importance of William Shakespeare."

Tigner, a 1953 graduate of Southeastern and the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus award, created the Evert F. Tigner Endowed Scholarship in January 2003 with a planned estate gift of \$50,000. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student majoring in English.

He earned his master's of arts from Pepperdine University and did extensive study and research at the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

Tigner grew up on a family farm near Albany. He taught English and social studies for 25 years near Los Angeles.

Oxford.

For the past 20 years, he has devoted his time to the study, collection and sales of antiques and artworks and is recognized as a well-known dealer and authority on both subjects.

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Evert Tigner addresses the audience during the dedication ceremony.





State Rep. John Carey makes a point during his presentation.

Rep. Carey presents leadership development program

State Representative John W. Carey of Durant highlighted the Southeastern Organizational Leadership Development (SOLD) program with a presentation entitled “One Person Can Make a Difference.”

The program was held Sept. 9 in the Russell Building on the Southeastern campus.

Carey earned his bachelor of science degree in Banking and Finance at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1992. He became an investment consultant for Durant’s First United Bank and Trust, was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and has served the 21st district since 2002.

During the presentation, Carey touched on his childhood and stressed the importance of parents raising their children the right way, adding there is little more important than a strong work ethic.

“My mother returned to school and that added some duties to my role at home,” Carey said. “I had to do some cooking and laundry and I didn’t think that was good. Looking back now, I am extremely proud of my mom. She would take her lunch break from another job and attend a class while earning her degree.

“I once took a summer job that involved heavy manual labor and after a couple of days told my dad I was going to quit. He questioned me and I told him I had hired on for all summer.

“He spoke of the importance of keeping your word and I returned to that summer job and did what I said I would do. My dad was a fireman and every one of them had other jobs since they were on 24 hours and off 48. I can remember being in the fire station when something needed to be done. Those men didn’t look for a handout, they just did whatever it was and went on about their business.

“I owe a great deal to my parents and I hope to pass that work ethic on to my children. I credit any success I have had to my wife. My job in the House means many hours away from home.” One big thing he learned quickly is that everybody who came to his office had a personal reason.

“Everybody’s issue is the most important and that’s a lesson I have always tried to keep in mind during my time as a representative,” Carey said. “You must treat people with respect every day, treat them as if it mattered and it will.

“We should all try to help at least one person per year to have the same or more opportunities as we have experienced.

“In this way, one person can truly make a difference.”



Southeastern president Larry Minks congratulates this year's recipients of the Presidential Partners Scholarships: Kymberly Collenn Egan-Woods, Jerod Wayne Brinkman, and Rebecca Lynn Little.

Presidential Partners present three scholarships

Three Southeastern Oklahoma State University students were awarded scholarships at the Presidential Partners banquet, held Sept. 10 in the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

The recipients are Kymberly Collenn Egan-Woods, Jerod Wayne Brinkman, and Rebecca Lynn Little.

This year marks the 10th year of the Presidential Partners program. Partners contribute \$1,000 annually to the University to support a variety of projects, including scholarships.

Since the program was founded in 2001, more than \$490,000 has been raised.

Providing entertainment at the events were the Southeastern Chorale and the band "Zoom City."



Savage Storm in action at home

Southeastern wide receiver Robbie Morris (26) gains yardage against Northeastern. The Savage Storm lost on a last-second field goal, 26-24, in a game played Sept. 25 at Paul Laird Field.

Calendar of Events

October

8-9 -- Homecoming

21-22 -- Fall Break

27 -- Investiture, President Larry Minks, Montgomery Auditorium, 2 p.m., with reception to follow in the Glen D. Johnson Student Union

November

10 -- SE Live, Montgomery Auditorium, 9 a.m.

24-26 -- Thanksgiving holidays

December

6 -- Christmas Open House, Magnolia House

6 -- Candlelighting ceremony, Montgomery Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

10 -- Last day of Fall classes

11 -- Commencement, Bloomer Sullivan Arena, 10 a.m.

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