



September 2010

UPDATE

Southeastern to celebrate Homecoming Oct. 8-9

Southeastern Oklahoma State University is gearing up for one of its biggest homecoming celebrations ever on Oct. 8-9.

The traditional "Whang Bang" Alumni Golf Tournament starts things off on Friday, Oct. 8, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Silverado Golf Course.

At 5:30 that evening, the 2010 Distinguished Alumni and Former Faculty award recipients will be honored at a banquet in the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

For more information about Homecoming, visit the alumni web site at alumni.SE.edu or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 580-745-2267.

Following is the schedule of Homecoming activities:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Whang Bang Alumni Golf Tournament

Register online at alumni.SE.edu
Silverado Golf Course
Registration 8:00 am
Shotgun Start 9:00 am

Barbara Elam Art Exhibit

Visual and Performing Arts Center
9:00 am - 5:00 p.m.

Distinguished Alumni/Former Faculty

Awards Banquet

Introduction of 2010 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Former Faculty
Visual and Performing Arts Center
5:30 pm

2010 Homecoming

Houston/Debate Reception

Join your fellow debaters to reminisce.
Glen D. Johnson Student Union
Loft 7:30 pm

Bonfire/Pep Rally

Amphitheater - 8:30 pm

Alumni Reunion

Sports City Café - 9:00 pm



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Former Athletes' Breakfast

Bloomer Sullivan Arena (Blue and Gold Suite)
8:30 am

Custom Car Show

Registration at 8:30 am. Drive in parade downtown at 10:00 am.
On display around the SE loop, 11:00 am.
Awards at 1:00 pm.

Barbara Elam Art Exhibit

Visual and Performing Arts Center
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Homecoming Parade

Main Street, Downtown Durant
10:00 am

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SE Athletics Hall of Fame adds five new members

Five new members were honored at the 2010 Southeastern Oklahoma State University Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet Aug. 28, in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

The inductees for 2010 are Mike Metheny, Vicki Hudson, Joanie Kitchens Goss, Billy Jack Bowen, and Harold Harmon.

“We are excited about the opportunity to honor these Southeastern greats,” said athletics director Keith Baxter, “These people have built and maintained a high standard of success that the rest of us can aspire to.”

Metheny, Southeastern’s baseball coach, has built a long history with the University. After a playing career and a stint as an assistant coach, he took over the successful baseball program in 1981 and continued to build on that success.

His team climbed all the way to the national championship in 2000, shortly after Southeastern made the jump to NCAA Division II sports. In 30 years at the helm of the baseball program, Metheny has tallied 1,145 wins and a .686 winning percentage, while coaching 39 All-America performers and more than 45 professional signees.

In 2006, he became the 42nd coach at any NCAA level, and just the eighth at division II, to reach the 1,000 win plateau.

Hudson brought modern women’s basketball to SE after beginning the program in its current form and is still an integral part of the Southeastern athletics department as the Senior Woman Administrator while also serving as the chair of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation department.

She spent 10 years guiding the women’s basketball program, compiling a 96-55 record over her last six seasons, the only ones for which records were kept. Her teams advanced to four region tournaments and hosted the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) National Tournament in 1980, the same season she was named the Coach of the Year.

Basketball was not her only game as she also started the SE women’s tennis program and at one time or another coached every sport except football, including a stint coaching the cheerleaders.

Goss was a three-time Female Athlete of the Year award winner and earned multiple Most Outstanding Athlete honors in the sports of basketball, tennis, and volleyball during her career from 1974-78.



The 2010 inductees are Joanie Kitchens Goss, Billy Jack Bowen, Vicki Hudson, Harold Harmon, and Mike Metheny.

She was named co-Most Valuable Player of the State Championship basketball tournament hosted by Southeastern.

She has become a highly regarded teacher since leaving SE, earning Teacher of the Year honors at three different schools, while teaching or coaching at every grade level between 6th and 12th. She also earned the Polaris Award as a Master Teacher in 2004 while at Spiro, Okla.

Bowen put up a pair of great seasons for the Southeastern baseball team in 1978 and 1979, earning All-America honors in 1979, and also earning SE’s Most Outstanding Male Athlete award.

He turned in the fourth-best single season home run total that year with 18, the third best RBI total with 84, and the fifth-best run total with 79, all en route to earning first team all-Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference honors, all-District 9, all-Area 3 and NAIA All-American.

Bowen hit .375 for his career with 28 home runs, 135 RBI, a .488 on-base percentage, and a .693 slugging percentage.

Since his playing days, he has become a successful high school coach, serving stints at Bokchito, Rock Creek and Silo and coaching baseball, boys basketball and girls basketball. He has amassed over 1,500 wins on the baseball diamond and won 12 state championships. His teams have captured 52 district titles, 36 regional titles and advanced to the state tournament 38 times.

Bowen has been inducted into the Oklahoma Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Bryan County Athletics Hall of Fame.

Harmon has long been associated with Southeastern athletics, spending the largest part of that association as the school’s first sports information director, a post he held for 31 years.

Coverage of SE athletics in the area has long been painted by his brush as he served as the sports editor for the *Durant Daily Democrat* for more than 33 years and over that time has been an award-winning writer and columnist, with his feature stories earning honors from United Press International and the Associated Press. He also served as a broadcaster for 13 seasons, covering football, basketball, and baseball.

He was inducted into the Bryan County Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003, an organization he himself helped initiate.

Students return to enjoy Welcome Week activities

Fall classes at Southeastern Oklahoma State University began on Monday, Aug. 16.

“Welcome Week” at SE officially started on Saturday, Aug. 14, and continued through Aug. 19.

Freshman Convocation was held on Aug. 14, in Montgomery Auditorium, followed by a cookout on the front lawn for new students and their parents and families.

Among other activities were Residence Life Orientation, Greek Cook-Out, Block Party, and a hypnotist program.



Southeastern president Larry Minks welcomes students and parents at Freshman Convocation.



Move-in Day makes for a busy day at the residence halls.

Events scheduled for 2010 Homecoming celebration

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Legacy Day

For high school juniors and seniors with Southeastern Alumni as relatives. Front Lawn - Registration - 10:30 am
Events - 11:00 am

Retired Faculty/Staff Luncheon

Glen D. Johnson Student Union Café - 11:30 am

Alumni Tailgate Party

Across from Paul Laird Field
Alumni Alley - 11:00 am

Southwestern Oklahoma

Paul Laird Field - 2:30 pm

Southeastern Stampede

Central Plains Intercollegiate Rodeo
Durant Roundup Club
1 pm and 7:30 pm

Pre-Game Ceremony

Introduction of Distinguished Alumni
Paul Laird Field - 2:00 pm

Kickoff: Southeastern vs. Southwestern Oklahoma

Paul Laird Field - 2:30 pm

Post-Game Alumni Party featuring DJs Scott Gaines, Mike Ridgway, Tim White, and Mark Webb

Silverado Golf Course - 9:00 pm

Four new department chairs named

Four new department chairs have been appointed recently at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, according to Dr. Douglas McMillan, interim vice president for academic affairs.

The new chairs are Dr. Jane Licata, Management, Marketing & General Business in the John Massey School of Business; Dr. Randy Prus, English, Humanities and Languages, School of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Stacy Weger, Music, School of Arts & Sciences; and Mr. Bruce Johnson, Social Sciences, School of Arts & Sciences.



Licata

Licata, a John Massey Endowed professor, joined the SE faculty in 2002. She earned a Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University, a bachelor's degree at the University of Connecticut, and a master's at Ohio State University.

Prus been a member of the SE faculty since 1991. His Ph.D. was earned at State University of New York at Buffalo. He earned a bachelor's degree at Rutgers University and a master's at New York University.



Prus

Johnson holds a master's degree from the University of Missouri and a bachelor's from Southeastern. He joined the Southeastern faculty in 1976.

Weger is starting his 10th year at Southeastern, having



Johnson

served as Director of Choral Activities since his arrival. He holds a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Texas at Austin, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Other chairs, listed by department and school, are: Dr. Theresa Hrnrcir, Accounting and Finance, John

Massey School of Business; Dr. Stanley Alluisi, Aviation Management, John Massey School of Business; Mr. George Jacox, Aviation Flight, John Massey School of Business; Dr. Gerrie Johnson, Educational Instruction & Leadership, School of Education & Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Ed Mauzey, Behavioral Sciences, School of Education & Behavioral Sciences; Ms. Vicki Hudson, Health, Physical Education & Recreation, School of Education & Behavioral Sciences; and in the School of Arts & Sciences, Mr. Dell McLain, Art, Communication, & Theatre; Dr. Diane Dixon, Biological Sciences; Dr. Jerry Polson, Chemistry, Computer, and Physical Sciences; Dr. Charles Matthews, Mathematics; and Dr. Wayne Jones, Occupational Safety & Health.



Weger

Calendar of Events

September

- 06 -- Labor Day holiday
- 09 -- Presentation by State Representative John Carey, SE Organizational Leadership Program, Russell 100, 9 a.m.
- 10 -- Presidential Partners event, Visual & Performing Arts Center, 6 p.m.
- 23 -- SE Career & Graduate School Job Fair, Ballroom, 10 a.m.
- 24 -- Evert Tigner Shakespearean Collection Grand Opening, Henry Bennett Memorial Library, 11 a.m.
- 25 -- Parents, Family & Friends Day

October

- 8-9 -- Homecoming
- 21-22 -- Fall Break
- 27 -- Investiture, President Larry Minks, Montgomery Auditorium, 2 p.m.

November

- 10 -- SE Live, Montgomery Auditorium, 9 a.m.
- 24-26 -- Thanksgiving holidays

December

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

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

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