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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for the annual Alumni Association Meeting on Homecoming Day. The meeting will take place November 8, prior to the Tailgate Party at 11:30am in front of the EOSC Field House. Members will have the opportunity to vote on Association officers for the 2008–2009 year.

Pending approval from the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the proposed slate of officers is:

President: John Redman  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Jim Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Laura Morgan  
Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Sally Davis

### CHANGES ON WILBURTON CAMPUS

The new EOSC Student Center is the first new building on the campus in more than 40 years.

Eastern President Dr. Steve Smith says completion should be in about a year. The 31,000 square-foot facility is financed as part of the 2005 state higher education bond issue.

The two-story building will be the first building constructed on the Wilburton campus since Sullivan Hall was built in 1968 as the science building.

Eastern has constructed two buildings on the McAlester campus in the last few years but no construction other than an addition to the administration building and the clock tower has occurred on the Wilburton campus in four decades.

The new facilities feature a ballroom designed with a mini kitchen for servicing the area when converted into a dining room. The area will be 30 percent larger than the current facility and can be divided into three separate areas to accommodate multiple activities.

Student Senate offices and meeting room will also be on the second floor along with other offices and counselors.

The building was originally to be located on what is now the main parking lot in the center of campus and elevated almost six feet above the current parking grade.

“This was one of the first things that we had to change to bring the building into budget,” Project Director Rudy O’Donley said.

“The north end of the new building will now be positioned at what is the south side of the current parking lot centered in that area and at ground level.

“An amphitheatre area and the north building entry will now actually sit on the parking lot,” he said.



## 1908—Help Commemorate *A Century of Eastern Success*—2008

The rich history of Eastern Oklahoma State College dates back to May 28, 1908, when the School of Mines and Metallurgy was created.

In 1924, the School of Mines added teacher training and extension courses. With the well-advanced decline of local area mining, the school dropped mining engineering. In 1927, the School of Mines and Metallurgy offered degrees from the University of Oklahoma to students who attended the College prior to 1927 in lieu of degrees granted by the School of Mines and Metallurgy. That same year, the school changed its name to Eastern Oklahoma College and began emphasizing vocational instruction relating to various trades and industries.

By 1941, Eastern Oklahoma College changed its name to Eastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Regents was replaced by the State Board of Agriculture. The Board of Regents returned in 1972 when the name of the school changed to Eastern Oklahoma State College.

The campus is situated on 97 acres in Wilburton, OK. It has additional property totaling 3,647 acres that is used for farm operations. In 1998, Eastern opened a state-of-the-art branch facility in McAlester, OK, offering programs at the associate, bachelor and graduate levels.

Additionally, Eastern offers classes in Antlers, OK, and at the branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Idabel, OK.

As Eastern prepares to celebrate its centennial, it continues to play an increasingly vital role in the economic, social, and educational development of southeastern Oklahoma.



## *Catch the Centennial Spirit*

*Buy a brick or sponsor a bench or lamp post!*

Eastern Alumni and friends have an opportunity to celebrate Eastern's 100th birthday by purchasing a brick in the Centennial plaza (west of Mitchell Hall). Reserve your brick paver to express your "Eastern Pride."

Purchase a brick with your name and year of graduation or years attended Eastern. Show appreciation to your favorite faculty member, commemorate friends, remember loved ones, or congratulate anew graduate.

*For more information contact the Alumni office at 918.465.1759 or email [aowens@eosc.edu](mailto:aowens@eosc.edu) or [kott@eosc.edu](mailto:kott@eosc.edu).*



## GRAND PIANO DONATED TO COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Eastern Oklahoma State College Piano Instructor Mary Ford plays a new Kawai Grand Piano as Sen. Richard Lerblance, Frances Lerblance and Music Department Chairperson Paul Enis look on. The piano was donated to the college Music Department by the Lerblances.

The donation is a tribute to Richard's mother, Alyce Knight Lerblance, who was an Eastern graduate and is a music enthusiast. "We are excited about this donation and what it will mean to our music students for many years to come," Eastern President Dr. Steve Smith said. "We appreciate everything the Lerblances do for our college."



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL FISH FRY

Eastern Oklahoma State College hosted the annual Eastern Alumni Association Fish Fry under the tent at the "White House" on the Wilburton campus on August 8.

Eastern President Dr. Steve Smith said that "all Eastern alumni members were encouraged to attend the gathering."

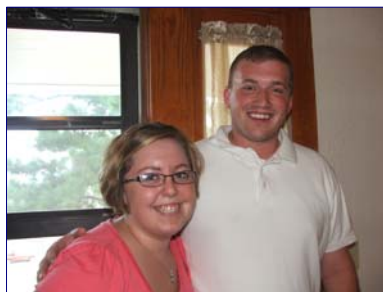
More than 200 alumni, staff and community leaders gathered for fellowship and a fish dinner complete with coleslaw, hushpuppies, beans and cornbread, cobbler and watermelon.

Smith said it is a time for everyone from the foundation directors to alumni and staff and the community leaders to get together and just say hi.

The first Alumni Fish Fry was held in the mid-90s at Beavers Bend State Park near Broken Bow. Others have been held at Robbers Cave State Park in Wilburton and on the Wilburton campus.



Member of the Aggie Club prepare fish for EOSC Alumni and Staff



Wilburton Mayor Stephen Brinlee and EOSC Sophomore Stormy McCarn



Ramona Allen, wife of Alumni Board member and Linda Morgan, EOSC GEAR UP Project Director

# save the date!



## HOMECOMING WEEK 2008

November 2	Chili Cook-off	11:30am	Eastern East Cafeteria
November 3	Comedy Hypnotist	7pm	Mitchell Auditorium
November 5	Centennial Celebration	12Noon	Clock Tower
November 6	Mr. Eastern Contest	7pm	Mitchell Auditorium
November 7	Hall of Fame Banquet <i>honoring Col. William H. (Bill) Lewark, Jr. USAF, Ret.—Class of 1955</i>	6:30pm	Pete's Place— <i>Krebs, OK</i>
November 8	Hilltoppers' Breakfast	8:30am	President's Dining Room— <i>Student Union</i>
	Homecoming Parade	10am	Main Street— <i>Downtown Wilburton</i>
	Tailgate Party	11:30am	Front of Field House
	Lady Mountaineers Basketball	1pm	EOSC Field House
	Mountaineers Basketball	3pm	EOSC Field House