Important Dates

HOMECOMING OPERATING HOURS

America’s Greatest Homecoming Celebration is upon us (Oct. 18-24). Some operations will have extended hours due to the high traffic we typically experience during Walkaround and on game day.

General Student Union
Friday, Oct. 23 – 6:30 a.m. to midnight
Saturday, Oct. 24 – 6:30 a.m. to midnight

University Store at the Student Union
Friday, Oct. 23 – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24 – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

University Store at the Stadium & University Store in the West Endzone
Saturday, Oct. 24 – 10 a.m. until after the game

University Store at Alumni Center
Saturday, Oct. 24 – 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

University Dining Services
UDS will have extended hours as well on both Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately, those were not available at the time of publication. They will be posted next week, in the building, on dining.okstate.edu and on social media outlets.

WEST ENDZONE GRAND OPENING

Join the University Store for a come-and-go grand opening celebration of its new store in the west endzone of Boone Pickens Stadium on Thursday, Oct. 22 from noon to 5 p.m. There will be pictures with Pistol Pete, a live radio remote with Triple Play Sports from 3-5 p.m., a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce at 4:30 p.m., plus lots of surprise guests and giveaways!

REMINDEERS

Daylight Savings Time Ends – Sunday, Nov. 1
Set your clocks forward one hour before going bed Saturday, Oct. 31.

OSU Up Close – Monday, Nov. 2
High traffic alert in the building as campus visitors will get an in-depth look at OSU. Visit admissions.okstate.edu/osu-close for more information.

Making Customer Service a Priority

“It’s not my job.” Four simple words. Four words that can be detrimental to an organization and its brand promise. One of the wonderful things about the Student Union organization is the willingness of many of our employees to go above and beyond their job descriptions and act in the best interest of the Student Union and its constituents.

For example, in the last months John Nickel, Leadership and Campus Life graduate teaching assistant, was seen not only providing guests with directions but also physically walking the guests to their destination. Samantha Morgan, Student Union marketing multimedia producer, was spotted tending to spill in front of the University Store and ensured it was cleaned so the building would be properly maintained for guests. The actual cleaning was taken care of by a Union Express employee since a Student Union building operations staff member could not tend to it at that particular moment.

Each of these employees contributed to supporting the brand promise of this building. They rose to the occasion and didn’t mutter those dreadful words, “It’s not my job.” That’s what contributes to making this building, and its people, so special.

Keep the tribal stories coming! They can be submitted to osuunion@okstate.edu.

Student Affairs Hosts Fundraiser

COOK-OFF AND SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT STILLWATER AREA UNITED WAY

Dig out those award-winning recipes for the annual OSU Student Affairs Chili Cook-Off Challenge and Silent Auction benefiting Stillwater Area United Way. The cook-off takes place Friday, Oct. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The competition is open to anyone to compete in one or more categories, including chili, soups/stews, desserts, breads, salads/vegetables/beans or salsa/appetizers. Judging of food will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and is $5 for all-you-can-eat and $1 desserts entry.

A silent auction will also take place during the cook-off. Many local businesses and staff members have donated amazing items, making this year’s silent auction better than ever. If you are still interested in donating an item for the silent auction it’s not too late, please contact Shane Lansdown at shane.lansdown@okstate.edu.

We look forward to seeing you there and raising lots of money for an organization that provides so much to the Stillwater community and surrounding areas.
**MISS OSU 2016 CROWNED**

After 10 contestants showcased their talents, Triana Browne-Hearrell from Stillwater, Okla. was crowned Miss OSU 2016, Thursday, Oct. 1. After taking the title, at the Miss OSU Scholarship Pageant, she hopes to inspire others and share her passion to promote healthy living through her Heart to Heart platform. Browne-Hearrell, a human development family sciences senior, will represent OSU in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in June in Tulsa, Okla., where the winner will advance to compete for the Miss America crown.

The participants showed their strengths in a pre-show interview, an on-stage question, physical fitness in swimsuit, talent and evening wear. Browne-Hearrell was named the winner of the interview competition. As the winner of the pageant, Browne-Hearrell receives a $1,200 scholarship. After awarded first runner-up in the Miss OSU 2015 Pageant, she returned to compete in 2016.

Four runner-up scholarships were awarded to Samantha Martin, first runner-up from Oklahoma City, Okla.; Veronique Pittman, second runner-up from Seiling, Okla.; Emily Falkenberg, third runner-up from Plainview, Texas; and Abigail Alred, fourth runner-up from Stillwater, Okla.

**FRESHMAN FOLLIES IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

A fall tradition, Freshman Follies, takes the Student Union Theater stage Oct. 28 through Oct. 31. The sold-out event features performances with theatrics, singing and dancing of OSU freshmen. The annual competition between Greek chapter pairings, shows months of hard work and preparation. The pairings consist of a sorority and fraternity who prepare a spirited routine that fits a specific theme.

Each chapter selects members to perform the singing and dancing routine with lyrics, choreography and “cheesing.” The lyrics and costumes are designed to illustrate the story.

The pairs compete in the preliminary tryouts three weeks into the school year with seven groups advancing to the final show this year. Each pairing is assigned a Follies steering committee liaison to help with show preparation and act as a motivator.

Show pairings for the 2015 Freshman Follies performance include:

- Alpha Delta Pi/ Pi Kappa Alpha
- Chi Omega/ Phi Gamma Delta
- Gamma Phi Beta/ Kappa Sigma
- Kappa Alpha Theta/ Sigma Nu
- Kappa Delta/ Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Kappa Kappa Gamma/ Alpha Tau Omega
- Pi Beta Phi/FarmHouse

**A MYSTERY PERFORMANCE TAKES STAGE**

Theatre-lovers, bookworms, detective-diehards and Sherlock Holmes fans will all enjoy this classical theatre production of “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes” performed by actors from top British and American stages. Audience members can test their detective skills as they watch the legendary sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, take the stage in a witty, fast-paced production performed by the acclaimed Aquila Theatre Company Thursday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall.

Known for their imaginatively-staged praiseworthy productions, the Aquila Theatre Company is based in both New York City and London and tours nationwide delivering educational programs and theatre performances to a select number of cities. Stillwater is excited to welcome them for an encore performance following their “Fahrenheit 451” production in 2014.

Tickets can be purchased online at tickets.okstate.edu or by phone at 405-744-7509 for $22 for adults and $10 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available at the Seretean Center at 6:30 p.m. the evening of the performance. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**HEALTHY UNION**

Mark your calendars. A date has been set for the bi-annual Healthy Union Family Bowling Night. The fun, friendly competition will take place Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Frontier Lanes. More information will be provided at a later date.

While you have your calendar out, reserve Friday, Nov. 6 for the next Healthy Union lunch program. The menu is currently being developed and will be released soon.

Also be on the lookout soon for more information about a new, wellness initiative taking place in the building involving learning more about how to easily introduce body weight and bands as well as free weights into your exercise program.