Life Happens Here
With numerous events taking place in the building on a daily basis, life really does happen at the Student Union. To stay up-to-date with the building’s events, visit meetings.okstate.edu/events for a daily schedule.

RECRUITMENT RECAP
On Aug. 6, campus welcomed potential new members for Panhellenic recruitment. Recruitment week began with an orientation session that lead into recruitment events Aug. 6-12. The week came to an exciting conclusion with the Bid Day celebration on Aug. 13. OSU TV provided a live Bid Day stream allowing everyone to experience the celebration. A total of 696 women received bids with Bid Day festivities beginning on Library Lawn and continuing throughout the Greek neighborhood.

COLLEGE COLORS DAY
With the start of college football season, the Collegiate Licensing Company wants fans to celebrate the season by wearing and displaying their team’s color for College Colors Day Sept. 2. Join the campus and wear orange for College Colors Day and celebrate Orange Friday!

LABOR DAY HOURS
The Student Union will close at 7 p.m. on Sept. 3 and reopen at 6:30 a.m. on Sept. 6 in observation of Labor Day. For a list of operating hours, please visit union.okstate.edu/student-union-hours.

GAMEDAY AT THE UNION
Don’t forget about GameDay at the Union, which takes place each home football game on the SU Plaza three hours prior to kick off. This free family-friendly event includes pictures in the OSU themed photo booth, a bounce house, temporary OSU tattoos, a poster making station, tailgating games and other giveaways. Home games are Sept. 3, 10 and 17. Learn more about GDAU at union.okstate.edu/news/gameday-union.

GAMEDAY AT THE UNION KICKS OFF SEPT. 3.

It Takes a Village
We have all heard the saying, “It Takes A Village.” This could not ring more true when it comes to food service and University Dining Services. During the past few months UDS has endured many challenges, including the departure of its director to opening a brand new facility on the north side of campus. With food being an integral part of our guests’ experience, it’s critical for guests to have a positive experience. The UDS team stepped up to the challenge and worked tirelessly to put its best foot forward for the beginning of the fall semester.

Scott McCollum, manager, and his team at the new North Dining Facility by University Commons have done an outstanding job in getting the facility prepared for the influx of students. The new facility features seven concepts, all of which were developed in-house by our UDS team, including menus developed by Chef Phillip Yates and his culinary staff and branding by Nic Johnson, marketing coordinator, and Kayla Smith Montilus, media marketing specialist.

Casey Enarson, assistant director, continues to find new ways to make the Student Union food court more streamlined and effective. Casey has had a few suggestions that have assisted with the lines. (Be sure to check out the new hot sandwich express lane at Bread & Beyond Deli!)

Hiring staff and completing the necessary paperwork is also a daunting task this time of year. Teresa Brown, administrative support specialist at Kerr-Drummond Dining, has done an amazing job assisting with the payroll process for units beyond K-D. She has also assisted in helping train new managers and financial assistants.

While these are only a handful of the staff members who have made an impact on our mission, it’s important to note there are countless others who have risen to the occasion. For that we are extremely thankful. Please know each of you are valued and appreciated.

Don’t forget to submit your tribal stories! A tribal story is simply a story or an account of something you experienced that supports the mission and/or brand promise of the Student Union. Tribal stories may be submitted to any Student Union manager or to our email account at osuunion@okstate.edu. We look forward to sharing many tribal stories with you during the upcoming months.

MISSION STATEMENT
The Student Union organization is a comprehensive system of diverse people, services, programs and facilities that enrich the intellectual, cultural and social well-being of the OSU student and campus community.

BRAND PROMISE
• A warm, friendly and welcoming environment.
• Clean and well-maintained facilities.
• Knowledgeable, service-oriented, responsive, informative and well-trained staff.
• A culture of wellness.
• Purposeful and meaningful out-of-classroom experiences.
FORMER STUDENT EMPLOYEE DAWSON METCALF RETURNS HOME

We would like to announce the return of Dawson Metcalf to the Student Union family as Camp Cowboy coordinator. Dawson is an Oklahoma native and a Cowboy. He grew up in Broken Bow and came to OSU for both undergraduate and graduate school. Upon graduation, he moved to Virginia for a year to work at Christopher Newport University before returning to Stillwater for his new role with the Department of Leadership and Campus Life. Dawson is excited to “work with such a variety of students, from freshmen to seniors.” You can find Dawson and his dog, Ollie, at the area lakes and walking trails around Stillwater, where they like to spend their free time. Welcome back to the Student Union family, Dawson!

WELCOME, KAYLA LOPER

We would also like to welcome Kayla Loper to the Student Union team as the Student Union Activities Board coordinator. Kayla grew up in Wichita, Kansas, and attended Friends University where she pursued a degree in mathematics. After graduating from Friends University, Kayla attended the University of Arkansas for a Masters in Higher Education. She always knew she wanted to work on a college campus. In third grade, before she fully understood what college was, she told people she was going to work for one. Good thing for OSU, she found her opportunity in Stillwater. Kayla said she’s “with good people” at OSU and that it “makes all the difference.” Welcome, Kayla. We cannot wait to hear all of the wonderful things you have planned for Student Union Activities Board.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL RECOGNIZED

OSU Panhellenic Council received the National Panhellenic Conference Panhellenic Excellence Award. This award is given to councils across the country that achieve success in upholding the ideals and values of the National Panhellenic Council. This year, out of more than 670 colleges and universities, only 27 received this distinction. Each council is evaluated in seven criteria including recruitment, Panhellenic structure, communication with NPC advisor, judicial procedures, Panhellenic programming, academics and Panhellenic community impact and relations.

MISS OSU PAGEANT

The Miss OSU Pageant is quickly approaching. On Sept. 8 at 8 p.m., 13 contestants will compete on the Seretean Center stage for the coveted title. Aly Akers, former Miss OSU, will be the emcee for the night, and there will be performances from Pokeapella and the OSU Dance Club.

“We have a reputation for having a really good pageant,” said Brandon Mitts, manager of the Office of Arts, Culture, and Entertainment. “This may be the strongest field of contestants we've ever had.”

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at tickets.okstate.edu or at the door. The winner of Miss OSU recieves a $1,200 scholarship and an automatic bid to compete in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

COWBOYS WIN, YOU SCORE RETURNS

It is that time of year again and the University Store is ready to kick-off football season with our traditional “Cowboys Win, You Score” promotion. Every Monday after an away football game victory, all OSU spirit apparel in the University Store at the Student Union will be discounted based on how many points the Cowboys score. For example, if the Cowboys win 28-21 on Saturday customers receive 28% off your total spirit apparel purchase in the University Store the following Monday. The storefront will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For a complete product list, visit universitystore.okstate.edu.