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SPC Homecoming to feature appearance by Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders

South Plains College will celebrate its 50th Homecoming with some special activities in February including an appearance by the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders.

On Feb. 14, the Texans and Lady Texans will host Odessa College with the Homecoming King and Queen being crowned at halftime of the women's game.

That night also will be special because the world-famous Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders will be performing at halftime of the men's game. They also will be available for autographs and pictures after the game. Fans will be able to purchase color squad photos, swimsuit calendars and T-shirts that the cheerleaders will autograph. Proceeds from these items will benefit the SPC scholarship fund.



Because of the large crowd expected for this game, advanced tickets went on sale Jan. 28. Tickets can be purchased in the SPC Athletic Department office at the west end of the Texan Dome or by phone at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2221. Credit card orders are welcome. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-17. Children 4 and under will be admitted free. SPC students can buy ticket for \$3 by showing a current SPC ID.

On Feb. 16, the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders will conduct a mini-camp for children ages 5-14 at the Texan Dome. Campers will learn a dance and a cheer. Cost of the camp is \$99 per camper. Participants will receive a free T-shirt and free lunch. The camp is limited to the first 200 children who sign up and pay the registration fee. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.sptexans.com or picked up at the SPC Athletic Department office. Credit card payments also will be accepted for the camp.

For more information, contact Darin Allred in the SPC Sports Information office at (806) 894-9611 ext. 2209.

Tickets now available for 2008 scholarship gala

Tickets are now available for the South Plains College 50th Anniversary Gala set for 6:30 p.m., March 1 in the P.E. Complex.

Organized under the theme “50 Years of Golden Opportunities,” the event will feature an evening of celebrating the heritage and future of South Plains College. Gala activities include a gourmet dinner, recognition of community support over the years, a unique auction and exceptional entertainment, all of which benefits scholarships.



Individual benefactor tickets are \$100 per person and can be obtained from the SPC Development Office.

City Bank has joined the SPC Foundation in helping support the event as gala host. Lesa Wood is supporting the event as an underwriting partner.

“Last year, more than 500 people joined the college, our underwriting sponsors and the Foundation in raising funds for college scholarships,” said Russell Hall, director of development “We’re wanting to involve even more people in this year’s anniversary gala and raise \$100,000 for scholarships. We already are seeing a lot of support from the community.”

As of this week, 30 businesses and individuals have joined the gala as scholarship sponsors. Diamond-level sponsors include American State Bank, Benchmark Business Solutions, Hockley County School Employees Credit Union, K-Bar Texas Electric, Inc., Macha Insurance/HRH Insurance of Amarillo, Paul Musslewhite Trucking Co., South Plains Community Action Association, Smith South Plains Ford, Lincoln and Mercury, the Texan Club and Worley Welding Works.

Platinum-level sponsors include AIMBank, BGR Architects and Engineers, Joe Dee and Lisa Brooks, Citizens Bank, Covenant Hospital Levelland, the Earl and June Gerstenberger Family, Lou Dee’s Floral/Your Shop, Merrill Lynch, Steve Wright and George Keeling Insurance, Elroy and Vickie Wisian, Ray and Donna West, Windstream Communications and Excel Energy.

Gold-level sponsors include Atchison Jewelry/Rose Equipment, First Ag Credit, G&C Contracting, McCutchin Construction and Randy and Candy Hall. Silver-level sponsors include KLTV Radio and Wade and Lori Wilson.

A reception will open the evening’s activities, followed by a five-course gourmet dinner served at table side. “Our Gala Committee is planning an enjoyable evening of fine dining, great fellowship and outstanding entertainment,” said Hall.

Other activities include a live and silent auction of treasures and collectibles. Entertainment will be provided by the students and faculty of the South Plains College Fine Arts Department and Creative Arts Department. The SPC Foundation will also recognize the recipients of its 2008 Pacesetter Awards, recognizing outstanding benefactors.

For more details about table sponsorships or tickets, call the SPC Development Office at 894-9611, ext. 2020.

South Plains Tech Prep to host Job Shadow Day

More than 1,200 high school students will trade in their backpacks for briefcases during South Plains Tech Prep's 10th annual Job Shadowing Day on Feb. 6. The event allows students the opportunity to experience day-to-day activities in the real workforce.

Students will be matched with jobs based on their interests. The job options had a wide range; from artists to heart surgeons to accounting. The purpose of this event is to assist students in making decisions about their future careers.

"We want students to understand the careers and educational opportunities available in our region," said Jill Berset, director of South Plains Tech Prep. "This is a great time for students to explore careers and learn what it takes to be successful in that career.

"Mentors share their life experience and show students the skill sets needed for the career and the importance of education," Berset said.

Sponsors for the event include WorkSource of the South Plains, Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, Rotary Clubs of Lubbock and Midtown Printing and Graphics.

SPC basketball supports cancer awareness

On Feb. 11, the SPC men's and women's basketball teams will take on Clarendon College at the Texan Dome. It will be "Think Pink Night" as South Plains College teams up with Covenant Hospital of Levelland and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) to raise awareness and raise money for Breast Cancer research.



The WBCAs "Think Pink" initiative began in 2007 to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities around the nation. Last year, more than 120 schools unified for this effort. This year, almost 700 schools have signed up to participate.

Fans are encouraged to wear something pink to the game. Every fan entering the Texan Dome will receive a pink ribbon to wear. The SPC cheerleaders will be throwing pink T-shirts to the crowd during the game. The Lady Texans basketball team will warm-up in pink, and the SPC Sharpshooters Band will be wearing pink as well. In addition, the All-Girls Choir from Levelland Middle School will be singing the National Anthem.

Fans that make a \$2 donation will be entered into a drawing for a flat-screen TV to be given away at halftime of the men's game. All proceeds will benefit Covenant Hospital's breast cancer testing program.

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Birthdays

February

5 – Cynthia Brown, Hye Gyung Ji

6 – Allison Black, Elizabeth Hodge, Holly Morrison

9 – Linda McGann

10 – Sharon Bogener, Justin LaQuey



50th Anniversary Celebration

South Plains College continues its 50th Anniversary with following spring events:

50th Anniversary Spring Calendar

Feb. 14, 2008 – The 50th SPC Homecoming

March 1, 2008 – The 50th Anniversary Gala

April 2008 – SPC Community Celebration and Reunion

April 16, 2008 – The Service Club Luncheon

April 28, 2008 – SPC Athletic Awards Banquet

History notes

- * In 1972, The Natatorium and Livestock Center are constructed.
- * In 1972, art instructors Don Stroud and Burt Cole begin work on the two mosaic murals on campus.
- * September 1973, SPC begins offering technical-vocational courses at various sites in Lubbock.

Upcoming events

February

6 – Ash Wednesday

7 – Chinese New Year

Thursday Nite Live @ 7:30 p.m., Tom T. Hall

9 – Track and Field, Wes Kittley Open @ R.P. Fuller Track

11 – Lady Texans/Texans vs. Clarendon @ 5:30 /7:30 p.m., Texan Dome

14 – Lady Texans/Texans vs. Odessa @ 5:30/7:30 p.m., Texan Dome

22 – Senior Sneak Preview @ 9 a.m., Texan Dome

28 – Lady Texans/Texans vs. NMJC @ 5:30/7:30 p.m., Texan Dome

Alterna TV @ 8 p.m., Tom T. Hall Studio

March

1 -- SPC 10th Annual Scholarship Gala @ 6:30 p.m., P.E. Complex