

Special Events University-Wide
Committee Report for 2008-2009

The Special Events Committee held three events during the 2008-2009 academic year. The annual holiday luncheon was held on December 12, 2008 from 11:30 – 1:00 in the lobby of the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. The committee held a canned food drive during the luncheon. The Salvation Army Angel Tree was also displayed during the luncheon. Many staff and faculty members took names from the tree to buy gifts. All gifts were delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution. The canned food was given to the Homeless Shelter. Approximately 200 faculty and staff attended the luncheon.

On January 23, 2009, the Special Events Committee along with the Student Programming Board and the Alumni Association held a pep rally in celebration of Homecoming Week. The Alumni Association purchased stop signs to hand out to those that attended the pep rally. The Student Programming Board purchased the food. The members of the fall and spring sports teams were introduced as a group. The men's and women's basketball teams were introduced individually by local announcers Roger Gray and Skip Hickman. The cheerleaders also participated in the pep rally by leading students and staff in cheers and school songs. MIX 99.3 did a live remote before the pep rally.

The last event held by the Special Events Committee was the annual spring picnic. It was held on April 10 in conjunction with Celebration of Scholarship. Due to inclement weather, the picnic was held in the Micklethwaite Banquet Hall. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and cake were served to approximately 500 students, staff, and faculty.

The Special Events Committee was also charged with creating master calendars for Homecoming Week and Commencement. These calendars were created and sent to all faculty and staff.

The committee's last charge was to begin thinking of ideas for the 25th anniversary celebration. The committee discussed several ideas and came up with a list of 9 possible ideas.

- A video or printed history of SSU. A memory book was created years ago. This book could be expanded on to include recent events.
- History of the SSU Bear
- Demonstrations/Lectures from our faculty members and students – lectures, hands-on demonstrations, etc.
- Community Day – picnic, games, music, and carnival for children. This would be held for the community to come on campus to see what SSU has to offer.
- Former Staff and Faculty reunion
- Time Capsule – different groups on campus would put items in a time capsule to be opened in 25 years. The plastics program could make the capsule.
- Virtual tours – tours of our campus offered online
- E-mail trivia – trivia questions about the past 25 years of SSU history sent out through email during the week of the anniversary celebration
- Cake decorating contest – 25th anniversary theme

The special events committee also recommends having a strong advertising campaign during the 25th anniversary. This would include a webpage, placemats for community restaurants, etc.