



Centennial Committee Appointed, Begins Work

The committee that will guide planning for the grandest celebration in Southern Miss history has begun its work in preparation for the University's Centennial in 2010. Led by co-chairs Dr. Alvin Williams, interim dean of the College of Business and Rex Kelly, a former Mississippi Power executive and a past president of the Alumni Association, as well as honorary chair Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, president emeritus, the committee will serve as the oversight body for the 100th anniversary celebration.

The University was founded as Mississippi Normal College by legislative act on March 30, 1910. Through the years, the institution has been known by four names, beginning with Mississippi Normal College, then State Teachers College, Mississippi Southern College and finally The University of Southern Mississippi.

"The Centennial Committee will determine and guide the purpose and direction of all Centennial-related events," said Jennifer Payne, Centennial Celebration coordinator for the University. "This

diverse group of individuals will help shape a celebration that will both honor our institution's proud past and highlight its promising future."

Appointed by University President Martha Saunders, the collection of 50 individuals representing various constituencies, including alumni, faculty, staff, students and administrators, held its initial meeting Oct. 1, 2007, and established that the Centennial Celebration will consist of a number of events throughout the 2010 calendar year. In addition, the committee selected a theme for the momentous celebration, "A Treasured Past. A Golden Future."

"Celebrating our Centennial is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Saunders said. "We have put together an outstand-

ing committee to oversee our celebration. As the excitement grows and plans develop, we lay the foundation for not only the celebration, but also the creation of Southern Miss history."

The committee will meet bi-annually throughout 2008 and 2009. More information can be found at www.usm.edu/centennial.



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Call for Archives

In conjunction with the Centennial Celebration, the University is seeking notable archives, such as a copy of the first issue of *The Student Printz*, as well as any important photographs, diaries or documents that alumni would be willing to donate to Southern Miss. If you have an item you would like to contribute to University Archives, please contact Jennifer Payne, Centennial Celebration coordinator, at 601.266.4095 or jennifer.l.payne@usm.edu or Diane DeCesare Ross, curator of Archives, Manuscripts and Digital Collections, at 601.266.5592 or diane.ross@usm.edu.

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