



Student Union Renovation Project

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## Oklahoma State University Student Union

### News Release

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STILLWATER, OKLA.— “A Night at the Union” will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 in the OSU Ballroom inside the Student Union. Dinner will start at 6 p.m. Tickets will be \$50 a person; for sell online at [www.union.okstate.edu](http://www.union.okstate.edu) and will sell out quickly. All proceeds will go towards buying school supplies for the less fortunate children of Stillwater.

Construction began on the Student Union renovation in May 2010, but this project started long before then.

In November 2005 a team made up of five OSU staff members and five OSU students embarked on a one-year planning session by touring other university student union facilities and planning to raise a budget of \$86 million for the renovation at Oklahoma State.

Now, six years later, the Student Union is well on its way to being completed. To showcase the work done so far, President Burns Hargis is presenting “A Night at The Union,” a dedication event to show Oklahoma State students, staff and alumni the improvements made to this iconic building.

“Ann and I are looking forward to sharing this evening with OSU. To be able to unveil the Student Union and raise money for children during the holidays all in one night is a great opportunity for OSU students, staff, and alumni to come together,” Oklahoma State University President, Burns Hargis said.

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### Fact Sheet

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- What:** Oklahoma State University President, Burns Hargis, presents “A Night at the Union;” a dedication event to showcase the work done in the past six years on the Student Union Renovation Project.
- Who:** Hargis and the Student Union Renovation Project planning team will host the event. Anyone is invited and encouraged to attend.
- Where:** “A Night at the Union” will be held in Stillwater, Okla. at the Student Union Ballroom inside the Student Union on the second floor.
- When:** The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011.
- Why:** “Ann and I are looking forward to sharing this evening with OSU. To be able to unveil the Student Union, and raise money for children during the holidays all in one night is a great opportunity for OSU students, staff, and alumni to come together,” Oklahoma State University President, Burns Hargis said.

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### Backgrounder

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Lance Hinkle

The Student Union Renovation Project is special for Oklahoma State University staff, students and alumni but it is especially monumental for some more than others.

Inside the Student Union is the Student Union Bookstore, recently renamed The University Store, where students go to buy textbooks, school supplies, and often to just spend time inside the Student Union in between classes.

For many years a familiar face to OSU staff and students is the face of Lance Hinkle. Hinkle was raised in Stillwater, and went on to attend college at OSU and graduate in 1981. He has worked at the Student Union since his freshman year of school where he started as a student employee at the bookstore. Today, Hinkle is the Assistant Director of the Student Union.

Hinkle will be giving a speech at the Student Union dedication event, “A Night at the Union,” on the importance of the Student Union renovation project and what the project means to him.

“A Night at the Union” will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the ballroom at the Oklahoma State University Student Union. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at [www.union.okstate.edu](http://www.union.okstate.edu). All proceeds from ticket sales will go towards buying toys and school supplies for the less fortunate children of Stillwater.

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### Photo Release

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### Student Union Renovation Project Photos



Students line up at the new Jamba Juice inside the Student Union food court. Jamba Juice is one of several new options in the renovated food court.



Construction workers put the finishing touches on the Student Union in September 2011. Pictured is the new student lounge area in the basement.

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OSU Staff members opened the Union Express convenience store in September 2011.



The "O" openings in the ceiling of the renovated Student Union were built to show movement from floor to floor. Here are a few students exploring the building.

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Reference Page

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<http://union.okstate.edu/renovation/>

2. Student Union Renovation Page Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/osuunionproject>

3. Personal Relationship with Lance Hinkle. I used to work at the Student Union Bookstore and my dad is friends with Hinkle.