Chancellor of State Regents for Higher Ed to Visit Altus Rotary

Dr. Glen Johnson, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, Johnson leads a state system comprised of 23 state colleges and universities, ten constituent agencies, one higher education center and independent colleges and universities coordinated with the state system. He reports to a constitutional board whose nine members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Johnson provides leadership on matters relating to standards for Oklahoma higher education, courses and programs of study, budget allocations for institutions, fees and tuition, and strategic planning. He is responsible for an annual higher education budget in excess of $1.9 billion as well as the state endowment fund, with a market value over $200 million. He is responsible for OSU/IT, the state’s telecommunications network for government and education, as well as the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program, which has guaranteed more than one million student loans exceeding $2.5 billion in insured debt. Johnson directs 20 statewide scholarship programs as well as other programs, including the State Regents’ Summer Academies in Math and Science program and the statewide GEAR UP efforts.

Veteran Pioneer, Mike Pate Named to Softball Hall of Fame

Mike Pate, Western WINDS director was inducted into the Oklahoma ASA Softball Hall of Fame, Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Norman. Pate’s sports career began in 1958 when he played baseball with Jackson County Kids, Inc. He followed his love for the sport into a high school where he played third base for the Bulldogs under the coaching of Leonard Scal. Pate was one of the first players to sign-on with the Altus Junior College Pioneers, now the Western Pioneers. Mike continued to play ball at Central State University now the University of Central Oklahoma.

Pate helped organize the Altus City Softball League and played on many of the league teams. He played in several regional and national tournaments as well as at the district and state level.

His team honors included one Sooner State regional championship; three district championships, two state championships and many invitational tournament championships in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

Mike garnered three most valuable player awards, three golden glove awards and he was selected to eight all-tournament teams. His five-decade career included over 3,200 games as a third baseman and pitcher.

Pate is still active in Altus sports programs, as a board member and a past president of Great Plains Recreation, formerly Jackson County Kids.

He was inducted into the Jackson county Hall of Fame for softball in 1995.

Happy Birthday WINDS

Lisa Davis, WINDS Clerk and Robin Bogart, Western student serve up cake and punch at the WINDS Birthday Bash on Friday, February 3, 2012. WINDS will host the event on the WINDS Birthday Bash on Friday, February 3, 2012. WINDS director was

GET OUT OF TOWN!

Western students are invited to watch the OKC Barons play the Lake Erie Monsters on Friday, March 9th

Transportation and Tickets Provided!

Bus leaves at 1pm! Contact Katie Brewer at (580) 477-7925 for more info. Current Western students only please.