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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

As part of the centennial celebration in May, 2008, OSD opened a museum that houses past OSD artifacts and records, and will house artifacts and records of future generations. A special “thank you” goes to Betty Fine



Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins
(Former OSD Student)

who collected and stored treasures during the forty-two and a half years that she has worked at OSD. In addition, Sue Galloway and Sue Cole worked diligently to arrange the contents of the museum. As part of the effort to raise funds for the establishment of the museum, the OSD Foundation for Excellence in Education decided to sponsor a memorial brick sale. KaAnn Varner headed that campaign and Raymond Willingham helped in several areas. OSD staff have been involved in many ways, including, but not limited to, maintenance, cafeteria, and media department personnel. A permanent location for the OSD Museum has long been a dream of alumni, students, and staff. It is fitting that, on the 100th anniversary of the founding of OSD, this dream has come true.



PLANNING MEETINGS

Two planning meetings were held, one at OSD and one in Ardmore at the home of Jeff and Vicki Gelona. Discussions were held about where to put the museum, what needed to be done first, and how to raise funds. It was decided to put the museum in the auditorium building and to sell memorial bricks to raise funds and honor alumni and others who support OSD.





DEMOLITION AND REMODELING

OSD maintenance workers tore down cabinets in the rooms and knocked the walls out between four classrooms. They painted and laid a new wood floor and placed new tiles in the ceiling. The best of the old cabinets were repainted and hung in the newly renovated space. Doors were made and put on the fronts of the cabinets to store museum documents, photos, and other items.



MOVE-IN DAY

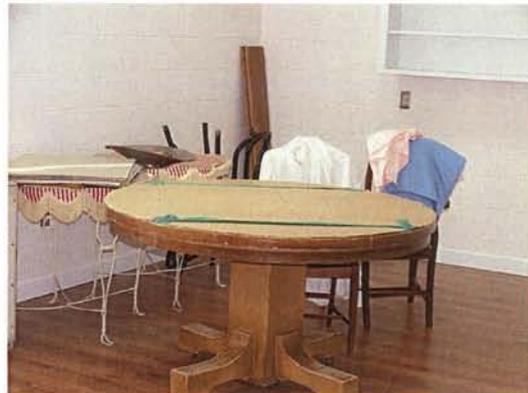
The maintenance men completed the mammoth job of moving all the papers, furniture, and other items that had been saved over the years. Items kept coming and it was hard to know where to put everything! The museum was roughly divided into sections and, with the help of Sue Cole and Sue Galloway, items were placed where they belonged.

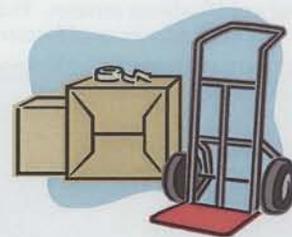
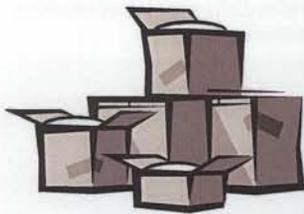
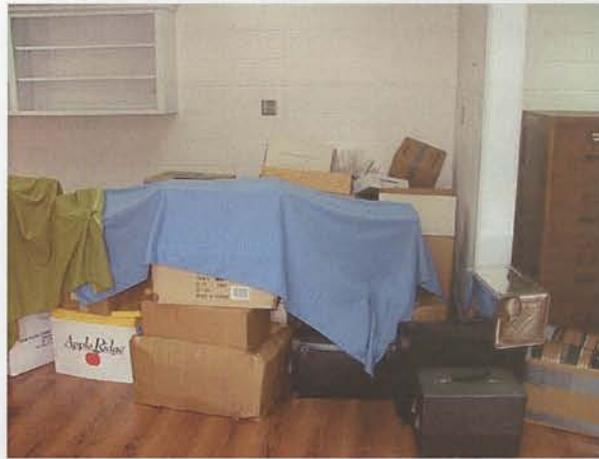


Display cases brought up from the Vocational Building and other locations are placed outside the building and in the hallways outside the museum until it is decided where they go.



This was the beginning of the move when only big items of furniture are in the museum, in the areas where they finally will be placed.





Furniture and many boxes of books, rolls of maps, and other equipment have been brought to the museum and placed in their designated areas. Then came the hard part of deciding what to display, which pictures to hang, and how to arrange all the furniture. Maintenance helped move the larger pieces and hang all the pictures. Everyone worked very hard to finish the job before graduation.



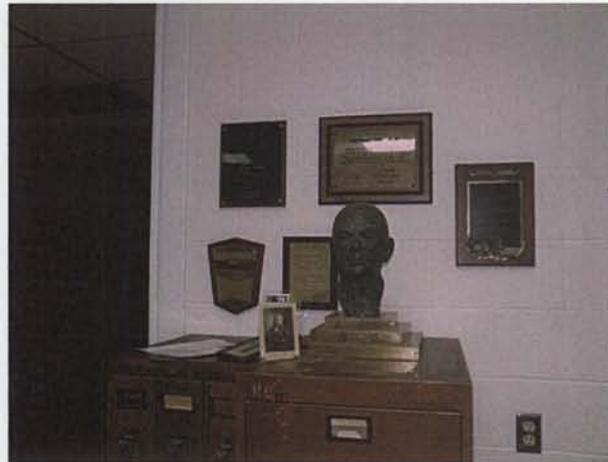
Cases at the entrance to the museum showcasing bricks saved from the original buildings on the OSD campus. Each brick is paired with a picture of the way the building used to look.



Just inside the entrance, this is the reception area. The superintendent's office is to the right, and the registration/sign-in desk is to the left.



The Superintendent's office. The desk was made by students in 1955. The bookcases are filled with old American Annals of the Deaf and Oklahoma statutes. To the right is the tribute to Ted Griffing, a beloved former teacher at OSD.



This is a close-up of the tribute to Ted Griffing. On the walls and in the drawers of the file cabinet are some of the many awards that were presented to him during his life of teaching and caring for the students at OSD.



This is set up as a classroom with old desks, maps, and books. There is an old typewriter on the desk and it, along with the 16mm projector, represent old technology. Also on the desk is a paddle that used to be used at OSD.



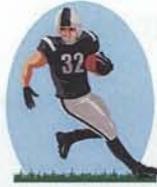
The photos show groups of former students in driver's education classes, and the various cars they used to drive. The boxes contain equipment that students used in the classroom to practice before they were allowed to drive "for real."



There is a long tradition of football and basketball at OSD. The trophy case is full of the many awards we have won over the years. The display case contains old football helmets and pads, old basketballs, and playbooks.



OSD participated in the Boy Scouts for many years and had it's own troop. We even had one of our students achieve the highest award in scouting and become an Eagle Scout. There is a section that has old uniforms and pictures of the various students in scouting.



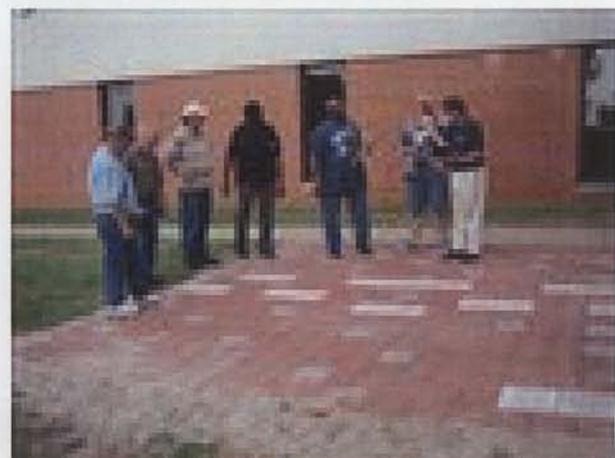
The photo above left shows a typical bedroom in one of the OSD dorms from long ago. The bed was donated by Harvey and Loretta Stinson. The picture above right shows equipment used in Home Ec and industrial arts classes. The pictures to the right and left show a dining area and the student union. Art work is by students.





THE BRICKS

The OSDFEE sponsored a memorial brick sale to raise funds for the museum. There were several sizes available and orders came in quickly. The OSD maintenance staff prepared the area for the bricks and the burying of the time capsule. During alumni weekend, this area was popular as people searched for names of friends and family.



THE MUSEUM OPENS

The Opening Ceremonies were held on Friday, May 23, 2008. Many awards were presented to those people who were involved in the preparation of the museum. A special award was presented to Betty Fine for her diligence in preserving OSD memorabilia through many moves, until finally everything has a permanent home at OSD.



Vicki Gelona, OSDFEE Chair, welcomes alumni, OSD students, and honored guests to the Alumni Weekend and the official opening of the OSD Museum.



The ceremonial cutting of the ribbon to open the OSD Museum. Participating are Larry Hawkins, Betty Fine, Vickie Gelona, and Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins.



Presentation of various awards to people who helped with the museum. Above, Betty Fine is given her award by a very appreciative Larry Hawkins. Without Betty, there would not be a museum! Above right, an award is presented to Gary Mink, head of OSD's maintenance department. He and his crew did a wonderful job physically constructing the museum, painting, and moving all the contents. At right, Sue Cole is presented her award for arranging the museum contents.





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