



PUBLIC RELATIONS

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS
Community Outreach/University Advancement
6801 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70126
Direct (504) 286-5343 Fax (504) 284-5525
www.suno.edu

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Eddie Francis
(504) 286-5343
efrancis@suno.edu

November 6, 2008

SUNO welcomes alum Ron Gardner for Homecoming 2008 Men's pre-season home opener tips off at Delgado

NEW ORLEANS, LA. – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) will hold Homecoming 2008 from November 9th to November 14th on the Park and Lake Campuses as well as other sites in the metro area. The week features the University's Alumni Convocation where SUNO alum, Ron Gardner (B'69), will serve as the guest speaker on Monday, November 10th in the Park Campus Cafeteria at 6400 Press Drive.

Gardner is currently Vice-Chancellor for Administrative, Community, & Security Affairs at the LSU Health Sciences Center. He received his undergraduate degree from SUNO in Biology and Chemistry and later received his Master of Public Health from the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He has also served as Health Planner and Executive Director of the New Orleans Drug Abuse Clinics. Gardner has served in an advisory capacity to Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

Gardner's list of credentials is extensive. He serves as Chairman of the New Orleans Area 1 Selective Service Board, a founding member of the Louisiana Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, National Representative on the Agent Orange Class Assistance Program Advisory Board, President of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Louisiana, Commissioner on the Regional Transit Authority, Vice-Chairman of the Orleans Parish Private Industry Council, Vice-Chairman of the Mayor's Military Advisory Committee, Past Chairman of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, Executive Committee of the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation, recipient of the Young Leadership Council 2000 Role Model of the Year and he serves in various leadership and support positions with the Urban League, NAACP, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, the New Orleans Bowl, the New Orleans Federal City Project as well as many other area and regional business and civic organizations.

MORE

"An Equal Educational Opportunity Institution"



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS
Community Outreach/University Advancement
6801 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70126
Direct (504) 286-5343 Fax (504) 284-5525
www.suno.edu

PUBLIC RELATIONS

SUNO Homecoming – 2

On Wednesday, November 12th the men's basketball team will open their pre-season at home against Crichton College. The Knights will take on the Comets at Delgado Community College's Michael L. Williamson Complex at 6 p.m. The Knights are led by first-year SUNO coach, Dale Valdery and began the season with two losses at Crichton and at Auburn University Montgomery.

SUNO Homecoming 2008 Schedule of Public Events

Nov. 9 th 8 a.m.	FELLOWSHIP WITH MISS SUNO Little Zion Baptist Church 2200 Kenner Avenue in Kenner
Nov. 10 th 11 a.m.	ALUMNI CONVOCATION Park Campus Cafeteria <i>Guest speaker: Ron Gardner, MPH B '69</i>
Nov. 11 th 10 a.m.	ORGANIZATIONAL DAY Lake Campus <i>A look at campus registered organizations.</i>
Nov. 12 th 11 a.m.	SGA DAY & PEP RALLY Lake Campus Cafeteria <i>SUNO Basketball meet and greet and performance by the Royal Jewels Dance Team.</i>
Nov. 12 th 6 p.m.	CRICHTON COLLEGE VS. SUNO Delgado Community College <i>\$5 admission; free for students with SUNO ID</i>
Nov. 13 th 7 p.m.	HOMECOMING CORONATION The Four Columns 3711 Westbank Expressway in Harvey <i>The crowning of Miss SUNO 2008</i>

END