

## **Public Announcement of NCATE Review:**

The Department of Education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University is scheduled for a Fall 2006 accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation.

Both NCATE and Southwestern Oklahoma State University recognize graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the Department of Education to:

Board of Examiners  
NCATE  
2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20036-1023

or by email to [callforcomments@ncate.org](mailto:callforcomments@ncate.org)

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to the University for comment prior to the review. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

Letters of comment should be received no later than August 4, 2006.