

Ken Carter to speak at Wes Watkins Center

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The lockout and the life of Carter was made into a 2005 movie, "Coach Carter," starring Samuel L. Jackson.

His talk, presented by the Oklahoma State University Student Government Association's Speaker's Board, is set for 7 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center Auditorium. The program is free for OSU students, faculty and staff with ID, and \$5 for the general public, according to Kyle Ensley, chair of the Speaker's Board. People are encouraged to arrive early as limited seating is available.

"Speaker's Board thought Coach Carter would provide inspiration during the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day," said Ensley. "We are bringing him to speak about the civil rights movement, and what better time than on the same day as Barack Obama's inauguration."

Carter was born in Fernwood, Miss., and grew up in a close-knit family with eight siblings and an equally close-knit community.

"When you hear that statement it takes a whole village to raise a child, I am that child," he told Christianity Today. "My family is extremely close."

Carter noted that he grew up having both of his parents in the home, while only seven of his 45 students in the Richmond basketball program could say the same. His life was stable enough so that he could dream big dreams, he said. In fact, he told his mother when he was a small child that someday they would make his life into a movie.

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