

STUDENT NEWS

Design, housing and merchandising master's student **Angela Gay Say** and doctoral student **Cathy Starr** are amateur division finalists of the American Quilters Society's fashion design competition in Paducah, Ky.

Geography senior **Constance Buckner**'s paper, "Cultural Factors Behind Centrifugal Tendency in Quebec," won the undergraduate student competition of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers in Chicago.

OSU-OKC Student Government Association President **Daniel Hanigar** was elected to serve on the 2006-07 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Student Advisory Board.

Letitia Posey of Enid received the Morris Animal Foundation \$4,000 Veterinary Student Fellowship. Her proposal was "Arsenic, Cancer and Animal Health and Welfare."

OSU's 2006 Outstanding Seniors, named by the OSU Alumni Association, are Michael Albert, Beaver, landscape architecture; Ashleigh Boggs, Cyril, agribusiness; Daniel Branum, Newcastle, political science/philosophy; Summer Branum, Hollis, political science/philosophy; Lauren Detten, Ponca City, liberal studies; Monica Dudley, Oklahoma City, political science; Taylor Gilpin, Tulsa, economics; Mariena Hargrave, Broken Arrow, apparel merchandising; Will Hua, Oklahoma City, psychology; Kyle Jones, Norman, political science; Melanie Marks, Yukon, human nutrition;

Todd Mollet, Bethany, physiology; April Orr, Coalgate, communication sciences and disorders/speech pathology; Nick Rasmussen, Tekamah, Neb., zoology; Jordan Russell, Freedom, agribusiness; and Nicole Stec, Fort Smith, Ark., animal science.

Tau Sigma, national academic honor society for transfer students, inducted 80 students in April, according to Richelle Stafne, adviser and University Academic Services senior counselor.

More than a thousand OSU students helped clean up the Stillwater community during the 9th annual **Big Event**, which provides a way for students to say thank you to the citizens for their loyal support of the university.

Annie Durant, Oklahoma City journalism and broadcasting senior, was chosen as a leadership consultant for Alpha Delta Pi to work with U.S. collegiate chapters.

OSU students at the 29th annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government at Iowa State University took home several honors. Named Outstanding Senior of the Year was **Monica Dudley**, Oklahoma City, and **Kanisha Willis**, Tulsa, received the Brenda Joyce Fermin Memorial Work Ethics Award. **Kelli Stevens**, NOC Gateway student, was named Outstanding Non-Big XII Freshman of the Year. All three earned \$1,000 scholarships. **Josh Goree**, Bartlesville, won the Alvin Ailey Award.

Manal Gasem, Stillwater chemical engineering senior,



Mike Wilson, Enid animal science senior, is the 2005-06 OSU Student Employee of the Year. Wilson works in facilities and herd management for the equestrian program in OSU Athletics, and was nominated by Larry L. Sanchez, equestrian head coach. Runners-up are seniors Zach Baldrige, Pawhuska; Kyle Jameson, Bluejacket; Stacy Sanders, Glencoe; Tracy Vargas, Stillwater secondary education; and junior Jeremy Tillman, Oswego, Ill. Program sponsors are OSU Scholarships and Financial Aid and Career Services.

was recognized during Research Day at the state capitol for her research on burn injury therapy.

A four-member **MBA team** placed fifth out of 20 teams at the George Washington University 2006 International MBA Case Competition, according to Dr. Robert Dooley, MBA program director.

Pablo Martin, Malaga, Spain, sophomore, is one of 10 semifinalists for the 2006 Ben Hogan Award, the most prestigious award in men's college golf. Last season he received the Phil Mickelson Award as the nation's top freshman.

The **Christian Veterinary Fellowship** made house calls in Stillwater to provide in-home exams and care to the pets of eight Mobile Meals' clients. Students were Sara Sossamon, Barbara Braziel, Jennifer Steinbach, Chris

Bilby, Rebecca Brown and Katie Carpenter. They were accompanied by Drs. Katrina Meinkoth and Jill Brunker.

OSU Honors College student **Sarah Haynes**, McLoud psychology and human resource management junior, has received an honorable mention for the Morris Udall Scholarship competition. An OSU Truman nominee, she has received two Wentz Research Projects and a Washington, D.C., summer internship with the National Science Foundation.

Callie Puckett, Fort Sill general business junior, is the first female cadet battalion commander, the highest ranking cadet, in OSU ROTC program's 90-year history.

Sasha Big Hair, nutritional science sophomore, a Crow/Chickasaw, was crowned the 2006 Miss American Indian OSU and received a \$1,000 scholarship.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Chef Rene Jungo, assistant division chair of OSU-Okmulgee's Hospitality Services, received the Tulsa Chapter of the American Culinary Federation's "Outstanding Educator of 2005 Award."

Steve Owens, Oklahoma Gardening host, received the George J. Vaclavek Gold Medal from the Oklahoma Horticultural Society in February to recognize his contributions to horticulture in Oklahoma.

Dr. T. Sterling Wetzel, professor of accounting, received the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants Outstanding Educator Award for 2005-06 at the Oklahoma Accounting Educators Conference. He was allowed to select Tulsa student Christy Hunter for an Oklahoma Accounting Educators Scholarship.

RTÉ Radio 1, Ireland's radio network with more than 1.6 million listeners, broadcast a portion of Associate Professor of Music **Thomas Lanners'** recording of Leonard Bernstein's piano works in an edition of "Sunday Miscellany."

Drs. Lynna and Floyd Ausburn have signed a contract with Delmar/Thompson publishers to write three books to train instructors in the fire protection services.

The library's Electronic Publishing Center is taking on a digitization project, "From Warrior to Saint: The Journey of David Pendleton Oakerhater," made possible by an Oklahoma Humanities Council grant written by **Cokie Anderson**, EPC director. The website will tell the story of the Cheyenne warrior who became the first Native American saint.

Dr. Tona Hetzler, health and human performance assistant professor, served as the head athletic trainer for the USA racquetball team in Guatemala this month.

Dr. Lionel Dawson, veterinary clinical sciences associate professor, was the only non-Ethiopian to take part in the workshop held by the Ethiopian Government on Maedi-Visna, a viral disease affecting sheep.

Dr. Dale Lightfoot, professor and head of geography, has been awarded a Multi-Country Research Fellowship from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers to examine the history and ecology of historic chain-well systems in Mediterranean irrigation. The project will involve fieldwork in Tunisia in 2006 and Cyprus in 2007.

Dr. Tom Kuzmic, professor of forestry, is chair of the Oklahoma Division of the Society of American Foresters.

Heather K. Moberly, OSU veterinary medicine librarian, is the new president of the United States Agricultural Information Network.

Dr. Jami Fullerton, OSU-Tulsa associate professor of advertising, was elected president of the Tulsa chapter of the Association for Women in Communications.

Kelly Roberts, intern coordinator and instructor in marriage and family therapy, is president-elect of Oklahoma Association for Marriage and Family Therapists, and **Dr. Kathleen Briggs**, head of human development and family science, is chair of the election council for OAMFT.

Dr. Peter Rollins, Regents Professor of English and American Film, received two 2005 Ray and Pat Browne Annual Book Awards for "Hollywood's West: The American Frontier in Film, Television and History" and for "The Columbia Companion to American History on Film." He now has won the award honoring popular culture scholarship four times.

COE faculty **Drs. Darlinda Cassel, Anne Reynolds and Eileen Lillard**'s article, "Mathematical Explorations of Grandpa's Quilt," is the cover story for the March 2006 *Teaching Children Mathematics Journal*.

Dr. Steve Marks, Dr. Pam Talley and Richard Adams of the **OSU Aerospace Education Services Program** served on the National Explorer School Selection Board, which met at NASA HQ, Washington, D.C., in March.

"Educational Reform in a Global Society," a book by **Dr. William Segall**, professor of educational studies, was published in March by Rowan & Littlefield.

Dr. C. J. Frederick, OSU-OKC mathematics department head, has been named to the advisory board of Eduspace, an Internet program that supplements texts published by Houghton-Mifflin Company.

Dr. Debra L. Nelson, management associate professor, will co-present a paper, "The Biasing Effect of Positive and Negative Affectivity in Self Reports: Should We Care or Is It an Urban Legend?" at the 2006 British Academy of Management Conference in Belfast, Ireland.

Fritz Wirt, "O'Collegian" general manager since 1988, was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame. He is credited with building the paper into a money-maker with a self-supporting website.

Dr. Michael Smith, Regents Professor of horticulture and landscape architecture, received the Julian C. Miller Sr. Distinguished Research Award for Excellence in Horticulture Research from the Southern Region of American Society of Horticultural Sciences to recognize his outstanding contributions in pecan research.

The Department of Human Services has contracted with **Dr. Barbara Sorrels**, assistant professor of early childhood education, to train child care licensing personnel on the new Early Learning Guidelines. Approximately 200 people will be trained at five state locations.

Dr. Jayson Lusk, professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair of agricultural economics, has been named associate editor of the *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, and associate editor of the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization*.

Dr. Glenn Muske, interim associate dean and assistant director, family and consumer sciences, will speak at the "Growing Home-Based Business" workshops at the 17th Annual Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Conference in Peoria. He also has been appointed to the *Association of Financial Counseling and Planning Journal* editorial review board for 2006-09.

ALL CAMPUS NEWS

The College of Education Reading and Math Center was formally named the **Randall and Carol White Reading and Math Center** in April. The Whites own the Educational Development Corporation, a Tulsa-based publishing company specializing in children's educational literature (Usborne Books).

"**Kids on Kampus**," an annual event of the Non-Traditional Student Organization to celebrate those in the OSU community who have children, was held April 7.

The OSU library is one of 13 libraries participating in a pilot project to create a national standard for **cataloging serials**. It is jointly sponsored by the Library of Congress, the Program for Cooperative Cataloging and Cooperative Online Serials, according to Sheila Grant Johnson, dean of the OSU Libraries.



Kimberly Anderson, Broken Arrow fourth-year veterinary student, was one of Sammy's caretakers.

Mixed-breed terrier **Sammy** was reunited with David and Krystal Toland and released from the OSU veterinary hospital after five weeks of skin graft surgeries and intensive care. The Tolands lost their house in a fire in Braggs, and Sammy nearly died from severe burns to 30 percent of his body. The U.S. Humane Society sponsors Sammy and joined with CVHS to raise funds for medical expenses, which have topped \$7,000.

Oklahoma State University Accomplishments/April 2006

OSU's **New Product Development Center** received a 2006 Innovator of the Year Award from the "Oklahoma Journal Record."

To honor his parents' commitment to education, Bartlesville residents Barry and Karen Lowe have partnered with OSU to establish the **Lowe Family Young Scholars Program** for children in low-income Bartlesville schools. The program honors the late Wilbur D. and Grace Laverne Snyder Lowe of Pottsville, Pa.

Leading business software company SAS said OSU's **data mining certificate program** is one of the most successful in the nation with 28 students receiving certificates its first year. SAS estimates students earning the certificate make \$10,000-\$15,000 higher annual salaries. OSU's program is led by marketing associate professor Dr. Goutam Chakraborty.

MATCO Tools donated more than \$20,000 worth of tools to OSU-Okmulgee's **Pro-Tech Automotive** program. Instructors were allowed to select the tools and equipment.

OSU-Tulsa hosted the third annual **Pawcasso Art Auction and Wine Soiree**, with proceeds benefiting the Pet Assistance and Welfare Society "Spay to Save" program, and **Lyrics on the Lawn** to benefit the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless.

National Teacher of the Year Jason Kamras of Washington, D.C., and Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Robyn Hilger spoke at the 16th Annual **Celebration of Teaching** at the College of Education.

OSU-OKC's **Farmers' Market** features Oklahoma-grown produce, meats, eggs, flowers, dairy and Made in Oklahoma products and is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays.

OSU claimed its **fourth-consecutive national wrestling championship**, crowned two individual champions (Johny Hendricks at 165 lbs. and Jake Rosholt at 197 lbs.) and finished the tournament with six All-Americans, the most of any school in the tournament.

Veterinary Medicine received **400 applications for admission** (132 residents and 268 non-residents) for the 53 positions available for the Class of 2010.

More than 170 students from 14 high schools participated in the **OSU-Okmulgee Inter-scholastic Competition** hosted by the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Paintings by acclaimed **Native American artist Dana Tiger** are displayed at the OSU Foundation through May 12. The exhibition included a book signing for "The Oklahoma Woman's Almanac," co-authored by **Dr. Bob Darcy**, OSU Regents Professor of Political Science and Statistics, and **Dr. Jennifer Paustenbaugh**, library science professor and director of Women's Archives.

The 85th **State 4-H Roundup** is slated for May 24-26 at OSU.

The Southwest Tulsa Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution supporting the **Center for Health Sciences'** efforts to develop a University Hospital Authority, citing the need for a stabilized relationship between the college and a teaching hospital. CHS is the leading

provider of rural Oklahoma physicians and is the highest ranked medical school in the state, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.



Cowboy Classic

OSU-OKC hosted its annual **Cowboy Classic 5K Run/Walk** in April. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation representatives provided information and OSU-OKC nursing students conducted health screenings.

With funding provided by the Office of System CEO and President David Schmidly, and supplemented by the Stillwater Arts and Humanities Council, a production of "**The Diary of Anne Frank**" was presented in the Seretean Center for Stillwater area students by the professional company Seem-to-Be Players of Lawrence, Kan., according to Dr. Lesley Rimmel, history assistant professor.

Friends of the OSU Library and Friends of Music are establishing a **Friends Music Collection Endowment** to purchase library materials supporting music study.

OSU-Okmulgee is co-leader of the **Northeast Career Readiness Certificate Pilot**, which documents and certifies work-force progress and readiness, according to Roy Cail, executive director, Economic Development and Training Center.

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A report to the OSU/A&M Regents from the Office of the OSU System CEO and President.

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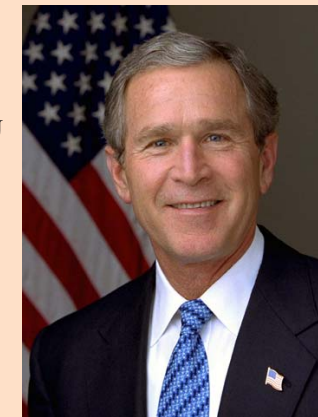
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INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Bush to Speak at Commencement

President George W. Bush will deliver the 2006 OSU commencement address in Stillwater on May 6. This marks the third time in OSU history a sitting president has spoken at commencement. George H. Bush spoke in 1990 and Richard Nixon spoke in 1974. The combined commencement ceremony is set for 10 a.m. in Boone Pickens Stadium, and is open to the public. A complete schedule will be available on OSU's website.



President George W. Bush

University Receives Continued HLC Accreditation

Thanks to improvements in a variety of areas and a thorough self study, OSU has received notification from The Higher Learning Commission that its accreditation has been continued for an additional 10 years following the vote of the commission. The next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for 2015-16.

The commission has requested that OSU submit two progress reports, one in January 2007 addressing the responsibility and authority of the Office of Affirmative Action, and the other in January 2011, addressing institutional diversity.

The Higher Learning Commission's response to the university's self-study report

should be received soon, according to Dr. Brenda Masters, associate professor of statistics and director of the self-study. At that time, it will be posted on the OSU accreditation website.

Significant achievements cited at OSU between 1995 and 2005 included increased graduation and retention rates; national recognition as a high-quality, but affordable, university; national rankings for numerous academic and research programs; development of a nationally recognized scholars' program; improved evaluation and assessment processes; and development of the university's system-wide strategic plans.

Hale Named 13th OSU Goldwater Scholar

Melinda Hale, 18-year-old mechanical and aerospace engineering junior from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., has been selected as OSU's 13th Goldwater Scholar, and Michael Gamble, a Ponca City chemical engineering junior, received an honorable mention. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious and competitive scholarship for undergraduates who intend to pursue careers in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering and provides up to \$7,500 per year for educational expenses.

Researchers Develop Vest

OSU researchers have introduced a protective vest that complements their QuadGuard protective suit. The vest is in the initial stages of testing, but the armored suit is already getting good reviews from soldiers. The QuadGuard and vest were developed and designed by design, housing and merchandising faculty Drs. Donna Branson, Cheryl Farr, and Semra Peksoz with assistance from Diane Ricord and others. Research was partially funded by a \$3 million grant secured by Congressman Ernest Istook, which is also helping fund the establishment of the OSU Institute for Protective Apparel and Technology in HES.

Education Recommended for Continued Accreditation

A team of examiners from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and from the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation recommended that the Professional Education Unit at OSU be granted continuing accreditation status until 2013 as a result of a recent site visit. Programs in the Colleges of Education, Arts and Sciences, Human Environmental Sciences, and Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources were reviewed as part of the process. NCATE will make the final accreditation decision at its semi-annual meeting in the fall.



Specialist Brian Kelly of Lexington, with Echo Company, 245th Army National Guard, models the new protective vest.