

STUDENT NEWS

Jeff Fife, Okmulgee district representative for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, received an A.A. degree in political science in May. He is the first graduate of OSU-OKC/College of the Muscogee Nation.

Zack Robinson, political science '06, received the 2006 Byron Nelson Award from the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Agricultural communications students honored by the Public Relations Society of America were Ruth Bobbitt, Tierra Layton and Larry Mattox, first place awards; Courtney Hentges, Dustin Mielke and the *Cowboy Journal*, merit; and Hentges, honorable mention.

Kyle Jones, Norman '06 political science/economics, received a USA Today All-USA College Academic Team honorable mention for academic achievements and community contributions.

OSU's **College Bowl** team finished 16th at its first meet of the Intercollegiate Champions at the University of Maryland-College Park. Bowl captains were Lenzy Krehbiel, Tulsa, and James Cullin, Ponca City.

Five members of the **OSU Floriculture Crop Judging and Design Team** placed in competition at the 65th Annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition at Utah State University.

Five **graphic design** students won awards, including two of the three Best in Show, at the 21st Annual Brass Ring Competition, a national student design competition.



Poached salmon with orange sauce prepared by Tulsa student chef Paul Harbaugh won OSU-Okmulgee's competition for the \$5,000 Carter/Thrash Endowed Scholarship.

Blake Follis, OSU-Tulsa political science junior, is one of 11 students completing the inaugural semester of the AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program at George Washington University.

Phoenix Awards, the highest honor of the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, went to Corina Wack, zoology; doctoral student Mohamed Chehbouni, chemistry; and Dr. Ulrich Melcher, biochemistry and molecular biology professor.

OSU's **Western Seat** half of the equestrian team beat Auburn to win the **Varsity Equestrian National Championship** for the third time in four years.

A school-record **17 OSU student-athletes** have been named winners of the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award, more than any Big 12 Conference school this year.

OSU-Okmulgee's **visual communications** students took four of the top scholarship and merit awards at the

2006 Graphex 37 regional advertising design competition of the Art Directors Club of Tulsa.

The 27 teams in the fifth annual **Relay for Life** raised \$34,268.75 for the American Cancer Society.

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering teams took first and second places in the AIAA International **Student Design/Build/Fly** Competition. In 2004, OSU was the first university to take both top spots. OSU teams have won first and second places for three consecutive years.

Students in the School of Chemical Engineering, hosting the 2006 Mid-American AIChE Regional Conference, won first place in the **Chem-E Car Competition** and will represent the region in the national finals this fall.

An experimental aircraft designed and built by aerospace engineering students Dustin Gamble and Thomas Hays set a **new world record** sanctioned by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale. "Dragonfly" flew a distance to goal and return mission that covered 144.42 kilometers, shattering the previous record of 80.43 kilometers in the F5S (electric power, sub 5kg) category.

B.J. Huston, Ponca City electrical engineering technology senior, is one of only 30 students to earn a full scholarship and \$15,000 annual stipend this year from the U.S. Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program. He will receive on-the-job training, guaranteed employment, and will intern with a Department

of Defense agency in Maryland next summer.

Graduate student **Linda Fleming** received the first Graduate Research Excellence Award for the International Studies program for her master's thesis on four original 18th and 19th century Japanese paintings in a Fort Hays, Kan., collection.

Mary Davies, New Zealand junior, was named the Big 12 Conference Outdoor Performer of the Year by the league's coaches. She's the first student-athlete in conference history to claim victories in the three long distance events.

Oliver Engle of Ponca City, '07 vet med, took second place in the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Case Report contest with a case report on fungal systemic disease in Doberman Pinchers.

Junior **Joel Mendez** and graduate students **Ryan Gorman**, **Scott Henvey** and **Blake Lowry** received \$750 Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants Educational Foundation Scholarships.

Wentz Day 2006 focused on the accomplishments of this year's 54 Wentz research project scholars, with all students displaying their work and competing for cash awards.

Graduate student **Ken Graham** of Broken Arrow had a submission selected as the outstanding student paper for the national conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Dr. Tim Faltyn, OSU-OKC Arts and Sciences head, received the 17th Annual International Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award for innovative strategies and use of technology in higher education.

John Womack, architecture associate professor, is the author of "Once Upon a Highway: Route 66 in Oklahoma." The book has more than 150 pen and ink and watercolor illustrations.

Hugh E. Kierig, parking and transit services director, was named to the Federal Charter Bus Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee. He will serve on the committee that reviews current charter bus services that U.S. public transport agencies can provide.

The College of Education Staff Action Team will honor **Ron Skeen**, custodial staff and friend who died in February, with a memorial bench at Willard Hall.

Drs. Lowell Caneday and **Deb Jordan**, leisure studies, are conducting a Stillwater survey to determine residents' preferences for leisure activities and their locations.

Wilda Reedy, Educational Studies senior unit assistant, received the ninth annual Frank and Carol Morsani Outstanding Staff Award.

Dr. Michael Davis, physiological sciences associate professor, received ACVIM Foundation grants to determine the efficacy of famotidine for preventing gastric ulcers and gastrointestinal hyperpermeability in sled dogs

under racing conditions and to determine whether horses that exercise while breathing cold air develop impaired immune function in their lungs.

Dr. Tim Passmore, leisure studies assistant professor, received an American Therapeutic Recreation Foundation grant to study exercise effects on depression levels.

Dr. Edralin A. Lucas, nutritional sciences assistant professor, is one of 37 faculty in the nation selected to participate in the highly competitive Summer Institute on Aging Research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health - National Institute on Aging Queenstown, Md.

Dr. Bob Oehrtman, agricultural economics professor, will be inducted into the Alpha Gamma Rho Hall of Fame in Breckenridge, Colo., Aug. 15.

Theatre professor and head Bruce Brockman is designing scenery for the University of Michigan's School of Music and for Montana Repertory Theatre's 2007 national tour. Professor B. Peter Westerhoff will direct a new work off Broadway this year while on sabbatical. Judith Cronk, associate professor, is working at Porthouse Theatre in Ohio this summer.

Karen Ward, Center for Executive and Professional Development assistant director, received the Outstanding Staff Community Service Award from the OSU Volunteer Center.

Dr. Carey Pope, physiological sciences professor, was elected a permanent member of the neurotoxicology and

alcohol study section of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Dr. Tom Stone, professor of management, was elected academic reviewer for the Organizational Behavior Division of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada.

Mary Malaska, R.N., OSU-OKC nurse science associate professor, received the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses Oklahoma Section 2006 "Award of Excellence in Education."

Dr. Jami Fullerton, OSU-Tulsa advertising associate professor, co-authored the book, "Advertising's War on Terrorism: The Story of the U.S. State Department's Shared Values Initiative," based on her research about the controversial 2002 "Brand America" public diplomacy television advertising campaign.

Steve Price, assistant vice president for technology development, was featured in May on American Airline flights via the Forbes InFlight Radio Channel on "Innovation Insider: Technology Transfer Roundtable."

Lori Wieder, Talent Search director, is president of the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance organization, a state organization of professionals who work with potential first-generation college students from low-income families.

Dr. Linda Abner, Oklahoma Center for School Business

Management manager, led the Ninth Annual Oklahoma School Auditors Workshop. It was attended by 95 public school and career tech auditors.

Dr. Sandeep Nabar, accounting assistant professor, received the 2006 Chandler-Frates & Reitz MBA teaching award.

Beth McTernan, research compliance specialist in University Research Compliance, earned the Certified Institutional Review Board Professional designation. The certified program is for people who participate in and oversee daily IRB activities.

Dr. Laura Hubbs-Tait, the John and Sue Taylor Professor in human development and family science, will receive the Marguerite Scruggs Award for Meritorious Research for the advancement of the human sciences.

Bill Stanley, School of Accounting's executive in residence, was featured in the *Journal of Accountancy*. The former ConocoPhillips tax counsel is one of eight CPAs who switched to academia.

Dr. Gary Meek, Oscar S. Gellein/Deloitte & Touche Professor of Accounting, presented a paper at the 29th Annual Congress of the European Accounting Association in Dublin in March.

Dr. Nicholas C. Romano Jr., assistant professor in management science and information systems at OSU-Tulsa, was ranked the third most prolific electronic commerce researcher in the world in the 2006 edition of "Business Research Yearbook."

ALL CAMPUS NEWS

The "German Online" program and College of Arts and Sciences Outreach hosted the annual German student competition, "Deutschfest," attended by 375 students from 15 Oklahoma high schools and middle schools.

OSU Fire Service Training accepted delivery on a mobile command unit to be used in the training of Oklahoma first responders and in the event of actual emergencies. The tractor-trailer rig was purchased with a \$750,000 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Homeland Security.

Pistol Pete is among a list of 10 "hot mascots" that *Sports Illustrated* features online.

The 2nd Sitlington Infectious Diseases Symposium, coordinated by Dr. William Barrow, Sitlington Endowed Chair in Infectious Disease, focused on Antimicrobial Drug Resistance and attracted more than 70 doctors and health care professionals, veterinarians and research scientists.



The public and their dogs were invited to the first WoofStock "Pawty in the Pawk" on June 17 at the OSU-OKC John E. Kirkpatrick Horticulture Center. The event included the Super Pet Adoption, canine karaoke, stupid pet tricks and activities for kids. The No More Homeless Pets in Oklahoma Super Pet Adoption gives cats and dogs from local animal shelters a chance for a home of their own.

OSU Study Abroad celebrated 10 years in May with an open house. Wade Watkins, first reciprocal exchange student at OSU and son of former U.S. Rep. Wes Watkins and Regent Lou Watkins, cut the first piece of birthday cake.

OSU-Tulsa and Tulsa Community College recently sponsored "Mission Possible," a free career exploration workshop for students ages 12-19.

The OSU-OKC Student Support Service Project has been officially funded for the '06-'07 grant year at \$277,015. The project completes its 13th year of funding and service for the campus in August.

Alumnus Keith Brown of Oregon is a featured player on NBC's new "Treasure Hunters" reality series, which first aired June 18.

The OSU Library hosted its first National Cowboy Poetry Week April 19, sponsored by the Library, OSU Rodeo Association and the OSU Rodeo Association Booster Club.



Anthony Meadows, Tulsa leisure studies senior, was selected 2nd team All American for the '05-'06 College Wheelchair Basketball season.

The OSU Wheelchair Basketball Team ended its season in 7th place in the College Intercollegiate Division, and took first place in the Arkansas Valley Conference. The team is coached by Stacy Pinney, adaptive sports coordinator.

The Vet Med Class of 1956 celebrated its 50th year reunion on May 6. Nineteen of the original 32 men are still living, and six were able to attend.

The OSU School of Educational Studies is partnering with the Fire Protection Publications Office on a 12-month firefighter safety research project funded by a grant from the United States Fire Administration/FEMA for \$186,164. Dr. Bob Nolan, educational studies professor, and Nancy Trench, FPP assistant director, are co-principal investigators. This is one of three projects contained in a \$999,930 grant received by FPP.

OSU-OKC hosted the Oklahoma Tournament of Academic Champions on May 5 for middle and high school students.

The Fire Safety Literacy Project of OSU Fire Protection

Publications, the Home Safety Council and Pro-Literacy Worldwide received the 2006 Health Literacy Award from the Institute for Health Advancement for producing fire safety materials for the reading disabled.

OSU-Tulsa hosted the 3rd annual Tour de Cure bicycle tour to support the American Diabetes Association in raising funds to help find a cure and to support treatment, education and advocacy for adults and children.

A new Oklahoma Home and Community Education group in Delaware County called NA OH CE is the recipient of a \$45,000 grant from the Cherokee Nation, along with 20 acres of prime land for a community garden. The project will help educate community members, families and local school students on the benefits and joys of gardening. OSU Extension and master gardeners will help supply education and training.

Oklahoma's rich and colorful history came alive this month at the 15th annual Chautauqua celebration at OSU-Tulsa. The living history's theme was "Throw the Book at 'em: Oklahoma's Outlaws and Authors."

The OSU Microscopy Laboratory, the newest addition to the suite of OSU labs located at Venture I in the Oklahoma Technology Park, hosted an open house that included tours and demonstrations at the lab. It will offer university and industrial clients expanded services including confocal microscopy.

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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INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Marilynn Thoma Chair in HES

Carl and Marilynn Benbrook Thoma, '70 graduates who make their home in Kenilworth, Ill., have established the Marilynn Thoma Chair in the College of Human Environmental Sciences at OSU. Through the Carl and Marilynn Thoma Foundation, they also provided the lead gift to establish the Ranchers Club at the Atherton Hotel at OSU and funds to create the Oklahoma Wine Forums, the first of which will be held on



Carl and Marilynn Thoma

campus April 13-14, 2007. Gifts to endow faculty chairs are matched by the State of Oklahoma.

OSU Golf: National Championship #10

OSU men's golf team, coached by Mike McGraw, took the NCAA National Championship on June 3 with a 5 under 283 team total final round. This marks the school's 10th national individual medal since Charles Howell in 2000.

The Cowboys were led in scoring by Jonathan Moore, who earned the individual championship, becoming the first OSU player to claim the individual medal since Charles Howell in 2000.

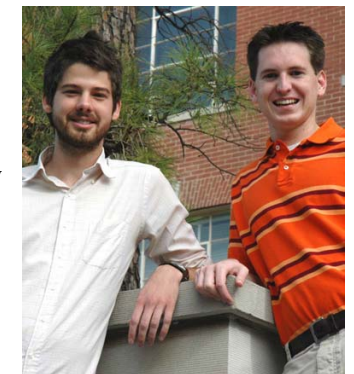


"The Scowl," OSU's entry in the concrete canoe competition, raced across Boomer Lake on June 17. The team placed 11th overall in the national competition.

Top Prizes Go to OSU Students

Stillwater '06 graduates Joseph Pruitt and Blake Ferrell earned the \$20,000 top prize at the statewide Governor's Cup competition with a business plan to change the way cold drinks are bottled. Pruitt, mechanical and aerospace engineering, came up with the idea, and Ferrell, accounting, helped write the business plan for the new technology business they call "Cold Bottle Designs." OSU-OKC student Jeffrey Johnson received the \$15,000 Isocentric Computer Technology Prize for a business plan that best leveraged computer technology. His team,

Intellitech, developed an electronic personal fitness training device called "iFitness," which is an iPod personal fitness trainer that includes a heart rate monitor.



Pruitt and Ferrell

Civil Engineering Hosts National Concrete Canoe Competition

The University of Wisconsin at Madison's concrete canoe team beat out 22 teams of civil engineering students from across the nation at the American Society of Civil Engineers' 19th Annual National Concrete Canoe Competition. OSU hosted the event in Stillwater on June 15-17. Teams competed for \$9,000 in scholarships by accumulating the best scores in canoe aesthetics and adherence to design

parameters, technical design papers, a business presentation and racing the concrete canoes on Boomer Lake. The competition was sponsored by Degussa Admixtures, Inc., and additional support came from Baker Concrete Construction, Cemex, Pennoni, Penetron, Bentley Systems Incorporated, U.S. Silica Company, Propex Concrete Systems and 3M Specialty Materials Division.