



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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## *Message from Marlene Strathe*

Fall enrollment across the Oklahoma State University System is down a bit as expected, but I am pleased that the quality of our student body continues to improve.

System-wide enrollment is 32,265, compared to 32,402 a year ago. On the Stillwater-Tulsa campuses, enrollment is 23,005, compared to 23,307 last year. We are taking steps to address the decline, which is due in large part to a drop in continuing students. Freshman enrollment is 3,209, compared to 3,235 last year.

The average ACT of our incoming freshmen has increased for the fifth consecutive year to an all-time high of 24.8. Some other highlights from our freshman class: 27 percent were in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and 59 percent were in the top 25 percent; more than 500 of our new freshmen had GPAs of 4.0; 11 percent are in our Honors College; National Merit Scholars increased for the third straight year to 28; and 78 percent of our freshmen are from Oklahoma.

Graduate student enrollments, particularly of ethnic minority students, are very strong and Dean Gordon Emslie, the staff of the Graduate College and the faculty members who have been involved in the recruitment, advisement and support of gradu-

ate students at OSU, are to be commended for this obvious success.

Following recommendations from various campus governance groups, OSU will become a tobacco-free campus on July 1, 2008. Throughout the coming months, the university will undertake a major communications and educational effort to prepare the campus, community and visitors. We are the first school in the Big 12 Conference to take this important step and look forward to becoming a healthier university campus.

Almost 100 new tenure and tenure-track faculty have joined the OSU community as we continue our Restore, Reward, and Grow initiative. Included are new department leaders in Theatre; Hotel and Restaurant Administration; Design, Housing and Merchandising; Computer Science; Fire Protection and Safety Technology; Plant and Soil Science; and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. We look forward to what our entire faculty team will accomplish this school year.

The entire Oklahoma State University community was shocked and deeply saddened this summer by the sudden loss of OSU graduate, long-time donor and dear friend M.B. "Bud" Seretean. We are sincerely grateful for his generosity and the lasting impact he will have on our university. OSU is a healthier and better campus thanks to Bud Seretean. We are committed to carrying on his passion for life and for good health.

**OSU and CMS Willowbrook officials secure the 113-year-old bell that was removed from Historic Old Central on Aug. 20. The bell was removed for safety reasons during the upcoming restoration and rehabilitation project, which will cost \$7 million and conclude in December 2008. The bell will be stored in the Student Union until the restoration is complete and will be rolled out on game days for students and alumni to continue the ringing tradition after Cowboy victories. This is only the second time in 113 years that the bell has been removed from the building.**





Gov. Brad Henry and other dignitaries took part in the ceremonial groundbreaking of the OSU Interdisciplinary Science Research Building on July 26 at the southeast corner of Monroe and Farm Road. The \$70 million facility is the largest single project of the Oklahoma Higher Education Capital Bond Program, which is providing \$475 million for more than 140 individual projects at colleges and universities across the state.

## Governor Helps Break Ground for New Building

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry and more than 20 dignitaries broke ground July 26 on the single largest project of the Oklahoma Higher Education Capital Bond Program. The \$70 million OSU Interdisciplinary Science Research Building is one of 140 individual projects at colleges and universities across the state being funded through the bond program signed into law by Henry in 2005.

“Oklahomans understand that today’s economy is driven by knowledge and research, and this facility will not only bring jobs and economic development to Oklahoma, it will teach a generation of students so they can stay in Oklahoma and fill those jobs,” said Gov. Henry. “The OSU Interdisciplinary Science Research Building will

be one of the premier centers of learning in Oklahoma’s higher education system.”

In addition to being a project of the \$475 million Oklahoma Higher Education Bond Program, the building is one of many facilities being constructed or renovated as part of the OSU Master Plan 2025, which calls for \$826 million in projects over the next five to seven years.

The high-tech, 124,000-square foot OSU Interdisciplinary Science and Research Building is expected to be completed in Fall 2010. The building will have three floors plus a basement, and will house custom-designed facilities for research in biodiversity, biophysics, photonics, synthetic chemistry and advanced materials.

## NSF Awards \$1.5 Million To OSU Scientists

National Science Foundation grants totaling more than \$1.5 million have been awarded to OSU scientists to acquire or develop highly-specialized instruments used in research activities, according to Stephen W.S. McKeever, vice president for research and technology transfer.

NSF awarded \$605,000 to Charlotte L. Ownby, director, OSU Microscopy Laboratory at Venture I; Bret N. Flanders, physics; Eliot A. Atekwana and Estella A. Atekwana, geology; and Jim Smay, chemical engineering, for “MRI: Acquisition of a Field Emission Environmental Scanning Electron Microscope to Enhance Research and Teaching at OSU.”

NSF awarded \$458,139 to Steven D. Hartson, Andrew J. Mort, Jose L. Soulages and Michael A. Massiah, biochemistry and molecular biology; and Robert L. Burnap, microbiology and molecular genetics, for “MRI: Acquisition of an LTQ Mass Spectrometer.”

NSF awarded \$446,258 to Regina Kalchgruber, Radiation Dosimetry Laboratory at Venture I; Alexander R. Simms and Ibrahim Cemen, geology; and Eduardo G. Yukihara, physics, for “MRI: Development of a Confocal Instrument for Spatially Resolved Luminescence Measurements in Geologic and Archaeological Dating and Radiation Dosimetry.”

## Distinguished Alumni Reception Set for Sept. 22

The OSU Alumni Association will host a reception Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Center to honor the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.

This award recognizes alumni who attain outstanding success in their professions while also giving back to OSU, the Alumni Association and the community.

Honorees are Tom S. Smith, ’77, Durant, president and CEO, Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma; Teravuti Boonyasopon, Ed.D. ’83, Bangkok, Thailand, chair, Thai-French Innovation Center at King Mongkut’s Institution of Technology; Donald D. Humphreys, ’71, Dallas, senior vice president and treasurer, Exxon Mobil Corporation; Don Peters, ’51, Bartlesville, Phillips Petroleum retiree, holder of 36 patents; Gene R. Nichol, ’73, Williamsburg, Va., William and Mary College president; and Rhonda Hooper ’78, Oklahoma City, president and CEO, Jordan Associates.



OSU-Oklahoma City and Mid-America Christian University signed a 2+2 agreement giving OSU-OKC graduates with an associate degree in computer information systems the opportunity to apply their knowledge toward a bachelor’s degree in management information systems and ethics, or management and ethics, from MACU. Signing were MACU President John Fozard and OSU-OKC President Jerry Carroll. Also at the ceremony were Ron Roddy, MACU academic affairs vice president; Shirley Roddy, MACU dean of adult and graduate studies; Ken Berchenbriter, MACU business science director; Larry Edwards, OSU-OKC academic affairs vice president; Lesia Strong, OSU-OKC business technologies head; and Diana Wolfe, OSU-OKC computer information systems head.

## 2007-08 Business Forums, Briefings Speakers Named

This year's Tulsa Business Forums will feature Wally Uihlein, chair and CEO of Acushnet Company, Oct. 18; Vicente Fox, former president of Mexico, Feb. 5; and Marcus Buckingham, author of "First Break All the Rules and Go Put Your Strengths To Work," March 25.

Executive Management Briefings in Oklahoma City, which will celebrate its 20th anniversary, will feature Juan Enriquez, chair and CEO of Biotechnology, Dec. 4; Vicente Fox, Feb. 5; and Marcus Buckingham, March 25.

For more information, visit the Web site at [www.cepd.okstate.edu](http://www.cepd.okstate.edu), or call the Center for Executive and Professional Development at 1-866-678-3933.



OSU-Tulsa student Cindy Downes was interviewed recently by a "Good Morning America" television crew. Downes, 57, was featured on the ABC program on Sept. 7 in a story about the increasing number of Baby Boomers who are returning to college.

## OSU Breaks Ground for Transportation Terminal

Oklahoma U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe joined state and OSU officials on Aug. 23 to recognize the beginning of construction on the OSU Multimodal Transportation Terminal, a hub for the OSU Transit system.

The majority of the funding for the \$23 million facility came from a grant through the Federal Transit Administration.

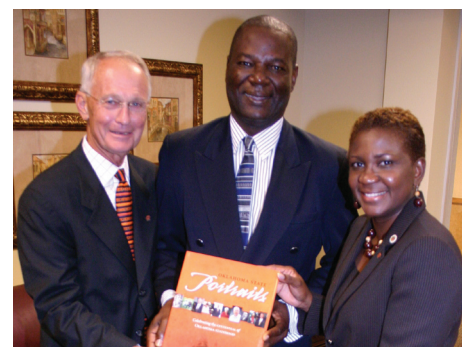
The Federal Transit Administration grant totals \$15.4 million over a four-year period. The rest of the funding comes from bonds OSU will repay through parking revenues.

The more than 14,000 square foot facility will house the OSU Transit system and will

include stops for 10 buses. The Monroe Street Garage, part of the facility, will have five levels and more than 1,000 parking spaces.

"The OSU Multimodal Transportation Terminal will give people the perfect destination point to park their cars or bikes and then get on a bus and ride to different locations throughout campus, the Stillwater community and even commute to Tulsa," said Hugh Kierig, director of OSU Parking and Transit Services.

The facility is expected to be completed August 2008.



OSU-Okmulgee President Bob Klabenes presented OSU's Centennial Celebration book to Antigua and Barbuda representatives, The Honorable Bertrand Joseph, minister of education, and Senator Joanne Massiah, minister of agriculture, lands, marine resources and agro-industry.

## OSU-Okmulgee Signs Exchange Agreement

A student and faculty exchange agreement between OSU-Okmulgee and the twin-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda is opening the door for culinary arts students and a faculty member to spend the spring semester learning the luxury hotel restaurant business in beautiful resorts in the Caribbean.

The agreement between OSU-Okmulgee and government representatives launches a variety of cultural and educational exchanges and will involve several programs.

Antigua and Barbuda will send five students to OSU-Okmulgee in January. Officials who signed the agreement were impressed by the technological education the university has to offer, including automotive, heavy equipment, heating and air conditioning, and watchmaking.



OSU is one of 123 schools selected by The Princeton Review for 2008 to receive a "Best in the West" designation. The annual update generates a surge of interest in these outstanding colleges from both media and the highly coveted audience of parents and students, according to Robert Franek, publisher and editorial director of the publication.



Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, System CEO and President Marlene Strathe, U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe and former U.S. Rep. Wes Watkins cut the ribbon to formally recognize the beginning of construction on the OSU Multimodal Transportation Terminal.

## Student News

# Osteopathic Students Don White Coats

New OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine student doctors recently received medical student white coats as the final step in their medical school orientation.

John Fernandes, D.O./M.B.A., OSU-CHS president and dean, spoke at the ceremony in which students were cloaked in white coats provided by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

Students then recited the Osteopathic Medicine Oath of Commitment, symbolizing their entrance into the osteopathic medical profession.

The traditional ceremony emphasizes the importance of the doctor-patient relationship and focuses on the true meaning of the art and science of medicine.



**John Fernandes, OSU-CHS president and dean, watches Trudy J. Milner, OOA president, assist Natalie Trent with her student doctor white coat.**

More than 1,200 new students took part in ALPHA this year, according to **Adam Cantley**, coordinator. Through ALPHA events, new students had the opportunity to meet new friends and learn about OSU.

OSU and its **residence halls** will host the National Association of College and University Residence Halls national conference May 16-19, 2008. Sixteen OSU students helped land the conference with the theme "Rockin' and Rollin' Through Leadership—Express Your Passions."

**Linsey Ann Stucks** won the U.S. Collegiate Senior Ladies skating title in Oxford, Ohio. The OSU-OKC freshman landed five triple jumps—a toe loop, Lutz, loop, Salchow and a second triple toe loop, as well as a score of four on three of her spin elements, on her way to victory.

More than 340 students received degrees during OSU-Okmulgee's Summer 2007 **Graduation Ceremony** on Aug. 24. Glen Johnson, Chancellor of the Okla-



**Design, Housing and Merchandising students and faculty recently traveled to Ca'Tron, Italy to study apparel and interior design and production. The annual three-week immersion course included three days in Milan, four days in Turin and a day on Lake Como.**

## President's Leadership Council Selects 115

A total of 115 freshman students from across the nation received \$1,500 President's Leadership Council Scholarships at OSU this year.

The freshman scholarship is based upon academic achievement, leadership potential and school and community service. Each recipient will take a three-hour leadership class and serve on the President's Leadership Council, which is both an honorary and a working organization, according to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

homa State Regents for Higher Education, spoke, along with student speakers **Charles Young** and **Oscar Olivas**. Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe also addressed guests and students.

The **Greek Neighborhood Association of Stillwater**, a partnership between 11 Panhellenic sorority and 15 fraternity housing corporations at OSU, has filed its Certificate of Incorporation, according to Jeremy Zweacker, chair. The GNA is believed to be the only association of its kind, according to Zweacker.

For the fourth year in a row, the OSU **women's track and field squad** was recognized as a 2007 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division I Women's All-Academic Team. The team's GPA was 3.214 this year. Six individuals also were selected to the 2007 USTFCCA Division I Women's All-Academic Track and Field.

As part of the President's Leadership Council, students will be expected to continue excellence in these areas as they develop their personal leadership skills. Each student will conduct a leadership conference for Oklahoma high school seniors and participate in a creative component and 40 hours of community service.

Last year, students selected for the council had a combined total of 5,016 community service hours, according to Stephen Haseley, Campus Life manager of Leadership Development.

Three student teams took the top spots at this year's national data mining competition, the "**Data Mining Shootout**." They took a business marketing class that trains students to use data mining techniques to help drive a company's marketing efforts, and also earned data mining certifications, according to Goutam Chakraborty, professor. The annual Data Mining Shootout is sponsored by SAS, a leading software firm, and Inductis, a professional services company.

Veterinary medicine students Hannah Davenport, Madeline Deatherage, Christian Hoyt, Ashley Nichols, Kristin Sievert, Jered Wendte and Thomas Wilson attended the **National Institutes of Health and Merck-Merial National Veterinary Scholar Symposium** in Bethesda, Md., in August. They had completed a 12-week research program designed to give first and second-year veterinary students the opportunity to conduct a research project with veterinary medicine faculty mentors. Accompanying them were mentors Michael Davis and Susan Little.

## Three Ag Students Sweep Southern Weed Contest in Florida

OSU students swept the top three places at the 2007 Southern Weed Society Collegiate Weed Undergraduate Contest Aug. 9 in Vero Beach, Fla.

Josh Bushong, plant and soil science senior, and Cody Massey, animal science senior, both of Weatherford, placed first and third, and Amber Brewe, plant and soil science junior from Marthasville, Mo., placed second.

They studied throughout the summer from approximately 5:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. to prepare for the competition, which included herbicide identification and symptomology where they identified 134 herbicides solely on symptoms viewed on crops and weeds in plots. They also had "the farmer problem": 15 minutes in



The 2007 OSU Weed Science Team adviser Case Medlin and students Josh Bushong, Amber Brewe and Cody Massey.

Alex Glover, vet med '10, and Jennifer Moreno, vet med '09, recently coordinated a 5K Race for Rabies at Boomer Lake. All proceeds were donated to The Alliance for Rabies Control.

The Center for Veterinary Sciences Class of 2011 recently had its traditional **White Coat Ceremony**, and Dean Michael Lorenz and others spoke about the meaning of the white coat, commitment to the profession, responsibility to the community, and the promise to be ethical that the coat symbolizes.

The Parents Association has planned activities for its **Family Weekend** on Sept. 28-29. Steering committee members planning the event are executive director Ashley Shelley, Grove senior; Wade Beard, Madill senior; Haley Rader, Canadian, Texas, senior; Kalyn Neal, Oklahoma City sophomore; Leah Hazelton, Dallas junior; Omar Hossain, Bartlesville sophomore; Stephanie Reel, Oklahoma City sophomore; and Nick Blackbird, Del City sophomore.

a field where the crop had been altered, using their knowledge of weeds, herbicides and general agronomic practices to diagnose and make recommendations for the subsequent and following year to correct the problem.

Adviser Case Medlin, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service weed science specialist, said the contest mirrors the job responsibilities of many career options relative to plant and soil sciences.

## Top Twenty Freshmen Named for 2007

Forty sophomore students have been selected for the Top Twenty Freshman Men and Top Twenty Freshman Women for 2007. Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board will select the Top Ten students based on scholastic achievement, leadership and participation in campus activities and service.

Named to their respective Top Twenty lists are Sandra Brown, Norman; Janae Butler, Cherokee; Courtney Clark, Tulsa; Lyndsay Crawford, Houston; Sarah Davis, Guthrie; Whitney Ferguson, Tahlequah; Jessica Fernandes-Flack, Lawton; Libby Francis, Tulsa; KenDale Glazier, Enid; Aubrey Gooden, Edmond; Janina Graves, Frederick; Andrea Hesser, Tulsa; Carrie Highfill, Enid; Cami Jo Jeter, Copan;

The OSU Native American Student Association Fall Contest **Powwow** is set for Oct. 27 at the OSU Intramural Fields, according to NASA adviser Robin Williams.

**OSU Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow** students won more awards this summer than any other chapter at the 2007 National Ag Communicators of Tomorrow Conference, and the chapter was named an Outstanding Chapter for the third year in a row. The students also received Chapter of the Year Awards in community service activities, leadership activities, educational activities, and membership and recruitment activities. Ruth Bobbitt received an Award of Excellence for layout and design; Chancey Redgate received an Award of Excellence for public relations; and numerous other students won first through fifth places in their competitions.

The fact that the top three were all from OSU generated some attention at the contest, he said.

"This was the first year that an undergraduate competition was held," Medlin said. "Industry professionals and other universities looking to recruit top students to their graduate programs had their eyes focused on Oklahoma State in a big way. OSU has long been one of the nation's best breeding grounds for agronomists."

Shelby Latta, Gage; Stephanie Reel, Oklahoma City; Tara Schooley, Oklahoma City; Sadie Stockdale, Springfield, Mo.; Kelli Watkins, Okarche; Hayley Zimmerman, Dallas; Jonathan Allison, Enid; Kyle Andrews, Tulsa; Brady Brewer, Hunter; Race Clark, Claremore; Zachary Clary, Lindsay; Billy Collins, Plano, Texas; Jerod Clem Cottom, Morrison; Jared Crain, Woodward; Stephen Eller, Haskell; Micah Fewin, Woodward; Adam Greer, Tulsa; Blair Kirkpatrick, Bartlesville; Conner Mahan, Tulsa; Scott Neill, Fort Worth, Texas; Robert O'Neal, Alva; Tyler Powell, Guthrie; Ben Stukenborg, Tulsa; Chase Vencl, Garber; Rob Wittrock, Edmond; and Jonathon Wyckoff, Blackwell.

"Make a Difference, Get Free Stuff" is the theme for the OSU Athletic Department's **Orange Rewards Program** launched Aug. 31 as OSU took on the University of New Mexico in soccer. The fan loyalty program will give Cowboy and Cowgirl fans free prizes for attending OSU athletic events. Participants go to a booth at each OSU athletic event they attend, except for men's basketball, and pick up a stamp. Once fans have attended a specific amount of contests, they will receive a free reward from a T-shirt for 10 stamps, a hat for 20 stamps and a duffle bag for 30 stamps. The more events they attend, the more exclusive rewards they earn.

OSU-Okmulgee will host "**Career Encounters of the Orange Kind**" on Oct. 9, with hands-on demonstrations and in-depth information on admissions, financial aid and on-campus housing. The event is for high school seniors and adult learners who want to know more about the programs offered and the prospects for jobs at graduation.



John Walda, left, president of NACUBO, congratulates Robert Dixon on receiving the Professional Development Award.

## Dixon Receives NACUBO Award

Robert Dixon, director of OSU Grants and Contracts Financial Administration, received the Professional Development Award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers this summer at its annual meeting in New Orleans.

The award recognizes outstanding individual contributions to NACUBO professional development activities.

Dixon was named OSU bursar in 1996, a position which he held until August 2003 when he was named to his current position.

He has conducted numerous workshops for the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers as well as reintroduced its “best practices” annual competition. He conducted training seminars for the U.S. Department of Education promoting the functions of business officers in higher education financial aid, and worked on the “Blue Book” and federal reauthorization training.



Riley E. Dunlap, Regents Professor of sociology, last summer helped organize the Beijing International Conference on Environmental Sociology at Renmin University, the first international environmental sociology conference to be held in China. More than 100 scholars representing 12 nations attended.

Upward Bound master counselor **Francie Moss**, Wellness Center Coordinator **Victor Amarteifio** and OSU-OKC Lead Security Officer **Bill Pittman** received the Pride in OSU-OKC Award given to staff and faculty who exceed expectations in their work and show a true on-going commitment to OSU-OKC.

**Allen Ablett** and **Nicholas Materer**, chemistry associate professors, were awarded a three-year NSF \$400,000 grant to develop sensors for explosives. They also have applied for a patent for a corrosion sensor that they invented.

**Donald G. Wagner**, animal science professor and head, and **Bob Wettemann**, OSU Regents Professor of animal science, received the titles of “Fellow” from the American Society of Animal Science, its highest honor.

**Debra Nelson**, management associate professor, was invited to serve as a guest editor for a special issue of *Consulting Psychology Journal* that focused on leadership.

The scientific community ranked **Daniel Grischkowsky**, OSU Regents Professor and Bellmon Professor of optoelectronics, among the most influential optical engineers and scientists of the 20th century. One of his papers is one of the top 50 articles most cited from the Journal of the Optical Society of America.

The OSU-Tulsa Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic opened in Tulsa and specializes in pediatric speech-language pathology with a full range of services. **Martin A. Fischer** is program director.

**Chief Dennis Compton**, OSU Fire Protection Publications and International Fire Service Training Association, was named chair of the Home Safety Council. The former Mesa, Ariz., fire chief is an author and adviser in the fire service and emergency management fields and is vice chair of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation board. The Home Safety Council is the only national nonprofit organization solely dedicated to preventing home-related injuries that result in nearly 20,000 deaths and 21 million medical visits on average each year.

A paper by **Ray Murray**, journalism and broadcasting assistant professor, “Stalking the Paparazzi: A View from a Different Angle,” earned the Top Faculty Paper award in the Media Ethics Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. He found long-time paparazzi prefer stealth techniques and newer paparazzi prefer confrontational tactics with celebrities. He presented his findings at an AEJMC conference in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 11.

OSU-Okmulgee’s **Information Assurance and Forensics** program has been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, the recognized authority for accrediting college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology.

**Whitney Brosi** and **Jan Johnston**, human development and family sciences assistant professors; **Janice Hermann**, nutritional sciences professor; and **Linda Jacob** of Oklahoma A&M Tech, received \$326,000 from the USDA for their project “Empowering Older, Rural Oklahomans and Their Communities: Assessment and Education on Contextual Barriers to Positive Nutrition and Health.”

**Todd Holbrook**, veterinary clinical sciences assistant professor, was selected as head veterinarian by the U.S. Equestrian Federation to assist the U.S. endurance team in Portugal at the International Equestrian Federation European Endurance Championships this month.



Tammie Booker Guess, OSU-OKC Science and Engineering Technologies secretary, reads with a Westwood Elementary student at the Lunch Bunch Tutoring Program. This program is in its third year, and OSU-OKC has pledged one faculty or staff member to be at the Lunch Bunch reading program that allows Spanish-speaking students to read aloud to a mentor.

OSU-CHS Staff Advisory Council officers for 2007-08 are **David Barron**, president; **Chad Landgraf**, vice-president; **Sarah Quinten**, secretary, and **Vicky Pace**, treasurer. Committees and chairs are awards and recognition, **Debbie Martin**; college and community relations, **Sandra Hale**; fund raising, **Lisa Riggs Jenkins**; policies and benefits, **LaDonna Lacey**; rules and procedures, **Kathy Lee**; and graphics and advertising, **Crystal Remy**.

**Lionel J. Dawson**, veterinary clinical sciences associate professor, has returned from an aid project to improve small ruminant meat production in Ethiopia. He is part of a team that includes Langston and Prairie View A&M faculty. The six-year project is designed to improve Ethiopian economy.

**Dave Carter**, finance associate professor, was recognized as the "2007 Professor of the Year" by the Consortium Institute of Management and Business Analysis in Asolo, Italy.

**Camille Frye DeYong**, industrial engineering and management associate professor, has been appointed to the 2007 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

**Meredith Hamilton**, zoology assistant professor, was elected to the board of directors of the American Society of Mammalogists at its 87th annual meeting in June at the University of New Mexico. She will serve a three-year term in the world's oldest and largest scientific organization devoted to mammals.

**Kent Sampson**, Campus Life director, was named a Diamond Honoree by the American College Personnel Association Educational Leadership Foundation for his significant and sustained service to Student Affairs, to students and to ACPA. He will receive the honor next spring at the national conference in Atlanta.

**Shelly Sitton**, agricultural education, communications and 4-H associate professor, received the 2007 Ed Bible Distinguished Service Award at the Livestock Publication's Council meeting in Louisville, Ky. The award is given to someone who exhibits dedication and support to PLC and service considered above and beyond routine participation.



**Haskell Cudd**, right, longtime supporter of OSU, celebrated his 100th birthday at the ConocoPhillips Center. With him is **Pat Dorr**, accounting professor who holds the Haskell Cudd Chair in Accounting.

**Loren Smith**, zoology professor and head, and **Scott McMurry**, zoology professor, as well as collaborators from other agencies, received a three-year \$600,000 USDA grant to study playa wetland services to society across the western Great Plains.

**Liuling Yan**, plant and soil sciences assistant professor, and his research group, working with **Brett Carver**, OSU Regents Professor of wheat genetics and breeding, discovered a genome region that has a significant effect on the development process of winter wheat. The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology awarded Yan a two-year \$90,000 grant to support his work in the cloning of this gene that is so beneficial to the dual purpose wheat in Oklahoma.

OSU-OKC's Technology Education Center provided training to more than 300 plumbers this year who needed continuing education. OSU-OKC offers an **International Plumbing Code Review class** to prepare for the Plumbing Licensing Exam.

**Lara Maxwell**, physiological sciences assistant professor, received a grant from Grayson Jockey Club to study the efficacy of an antiviral drug to fight Equine Herpes Virus Type I. Recent outbreaks of the virus at farms and racetracks around the U.S. have caused severe neurological disease in adult, vaccinated horses.

**Mark Gavin**, management associate professor and Carson Professor of Business Administration, was elected to a five-year cycle that culminates with the presidency of the Southern Management Association.

OSU-OKC Adjunct Professor **Kennith Franklin** set up a Healing Field for Prevention of Child Abuse in September at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Participants set up 1,400 U.S. flags, representing the number of children who died last year from child abuse and neglect, with 41 flags representing Oklahoma children.

**James Cooper**, history professor, helped confirm the authenticity of some long-lost church records in Massachusetts. The records, found in a bank vault, provide specifics on the lives of early colonists.

The OSU-OKC Learning Center received accreditation from the College Reading and Learning Association, according to **Karen Kruse**, director. The Learning Center offers students free tutoring, computer access and assistance, and academic computerized instruction.

**Shelia Kennison**, psychology assistant professor, and **Sue Jacobs**, associate professor of applied health and educational psychology, are organizing the first meeting of the Oklahoma Network for the Teaching of Psychology on Sept. 21 in Oklahoma City.

**B. Curtis Hamm** and **Jeanine Rhea** will be inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame on Oct. 2 at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. Hamm, marketing professor emeritus, taught at OSU for 38 years and is involved in building expansion efforts for the Spears School of Business. Rhea, management professor, broke new ground at OSU in the 70s with courses directed at women and minorities, and was instrumental in establishing an annual Women's Business Leadership program.

**Jerry Malayer**, veterinary medicine associate dean for research and graduate education, took part in the Defense Threat Reduction Agency /Joint Science and Technology Office Safety and Security Review and Workshop in Arlington, Va. He gave a presentation on Biological Safety and Security Issues.

**Charlie Broaddus**, veterinary clinical sciences, passed the examination boards for the American College of Theriogenologists. The two-day exam was held in conjunction with the annual meeting in Monterey, Calif.

## “Atomic Soldier” Leaves Bequest to OSU

The OSU Foundation has announced an estate gift estimated to be worth more than \$750,000, bequeathed by alumnus Bernard Karen to benefit graduate students in the OSU College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology.

After serving in World War II and during his tenure as a soldier in the United States Army, Karen studied mechanical engineering at the associate’s, bachelor’s and



**Bernard Karen**

master’s level at OSU in the 1950s. The Manhattan, Kan., native was then transferred with the Army to different locales across the U.S. to work in rocket engineering. His distinguished career included working with rocket engineering giants, such as Wernher von Braun.

During his time in the Army, Karen was part of a select class of World War II soldiers who were subjected to an unprotected, surface-level atomic bomb explosion resulting in harmful radiation exposure. They were called “atomic soldiers.” Karen survived the ill-effects of the radiation for approximately 60 years after his exposure. He retired from a petroleum and chemical engineering company based in Alhambra, Calif.



**Wal-Mart employees Chad Rohr, Angie Stoner, David Mooneyhan and Christina Tucker, left, present a check for \$15,000 to Mary and Mya Gonzales and Dana Hilbert, Rise School of Stillwater director. The gift will be used to support the Rise School of Stillwater that will open Oct. 15.**

OSU alumnus **M. B. (Bud) Sereteau**, carpet industry pioneer, entrepreneur, philanthropist, author and wellness proponent, died Aug. 13 in London at the age of 83.

A native New Yorker, he had lived for the past 25 years in Boca Raton, Fla.

Sereteau served as president of OSU’s Board of Governors and received an OSU honorary doctorate in 1999, on the 50th anniversary of his graduation, for his professional achievements and philanthropic activities.

He founded and financed the Sereteau Wellness Center at OSU. He provided the primary funding for the M. B. Sereteau Center for the Performing Arts at OSU and endowed numerous scholarships.

## Williams Gift Supports Inclusion Leadership

The OSU Foundation announced a \$75,000 gift from Williams in support of the Inclusion Leadership Program at OSU. The year-long diversity program pairs OSU students with area high school seniors designed to broaden perspectives about themselves and others, develop inclusion leadership skills, increase knowledge regarding global networking, and clear a pathway to successful living within a global society.

The program was instituted last year and made possible by a generous gift of \$75,000 from Tulsa-based company. Continuing to support the program and its mission, the integrated natural gas company has made a second \$75,000 gift to benefit

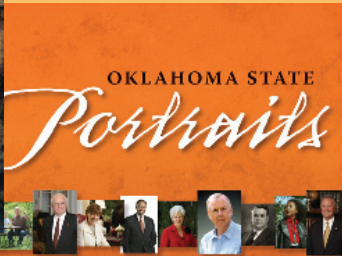
the program in its second year.

Students will work as a team to identify successful leadership qualities in local business leaders and implement those attributes through individual projects to benefit their community. The program was developed by Dr. Cornell Thomas, system vice president for Institutional Diversity at OSU.

Last year 35, OSU students participated in the program, acting as mentors to Tulsa high school students. The same format will continue this year as a new class of 30 OSU juniors and seniors help guide Houston, Oklahoma City, Stillwater and Tulsa seniors through the program while developing their own skills in leadership.



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