



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

April 2007



Message from Marlene Strathe

Let me begin by saying how saddened we are at the senseless tragedy at Virginia Tech University this week. We have offered our counseling support and other assistance to the school. In addition, I am proud of our Student Government Association for leading an effort to send fellow students at

Virginia Tech thousands of paper cranes, recognized as a sign of peace around the world.

The security of our campus and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors is always a top priority. We have plans and procedures in place to respond to an unexpected or emergency situation and in light of this incident will continue to evaluate our plans to make sure our campus is as safe as possible.

It is hard to believe the 2007 academic year is coming to an end across the OSU System. Starting today, and going through May 14, OSU students across our five campuses will receive degrees and be celebrated for their hard work and accomplishments. This year's group of graduates will make a lasting difference in the state of Oklahoma and beyond.

At this time every year we also are busy recognizing and honoring students for their accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom. The OSU Alumni Association had the difficult task of selecting the top 15 graduating seniors at OSU, and our colleges and programs honor their top students in some manner.

We are thrilled with the number of students who have received national awards this year, including the first Truman Scholar from OSU-Tulsa. He is OSU's 10th Truman in the last 12 years. These students bring honor and recognition to OSU throughout the nation and the world, and show the quality of education that is available on our campuses. Congratulations to all our graduates and award-winning students.

Thanks in part to the vision of our faculty, OSU is embarking upon a promising long-term objective to provide all graduates with an international component to their education. OSU has long recognized the value of study abroad to a student's education, as well as the benefits to our nation's economic competitiveness, diplomacy and security.

I hope you enjoy reading the many achievements of the students, faculty and staff from across the OSU System in this issue of Accomplishments.

2007 Commencement for the OSU System



OSU-Okmulgee
7:30 p.m., April 20
Covelle Hall
Speaker: Mike Flud
Chief of Staff of the
Muscogee (Creek)
Nation



OSU-Stillwater
10 a.m., 2 p.m.,
May 5
Gallagher-Iba Arena
Speaker: Frank J.
Williams
Chief Justice, Rhode
Island Supreme
Court



OSU-Tulsa
7 p.m., May 7
The Pavilion at Expo
Square
Speaker: Chet Cadieux
QuikTrip CEO and
Chair of the Tulsa
Metro Chamber



**OSU Center for
Health Sciences**
10 a.m., May 12
Tulsa Community
College, Van Trease
Performing Arts
Center
Speaker: Aunna
Herbst
President, College of
Osteopathic Medi-
cine's Class of 2007



OSU-OKC
7:30 p.m., May 14
Cox Convention
Center
Speaker: Cheryl
Hunter
Member, Oklaho-
ma State Regents
for Higher Educa-
tion

Study Abroad Goals Endorsed for OSU

OSU has set a long-term goal of all students receiving an international experience prior to graduating, according to Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe.

“The opportunity to study abroad not only enriches the student’s educational experience, but is vital for American economic competitiveness and especially for America’s future diplomacy and security,” Strathe said.

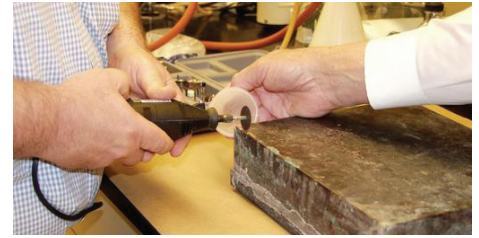
She initiated a Study Abroad Committee last year following a Faculty Council recommendation to increase OSU study abroad numbers. While the long-term goal is 100 percent of graduates having a significant study abroad experience, OSU has established a five-year objective of 25 percent participation. Recommendations

also called for establishing specific actions and support to reach the objectives.

“Today’s universities have a responsibility to provide students the knowledge and skills they need to be active and contributing members of the global community,” said Gerry Auel, Study Abroad coordinator.

Jim Hromas, OSU International Education and Outreach director, applauded the Faculty Council for taking the initiative to set priorities in this area.

OSU has exchange programs on five continents and in more than 30 countries. OSU students have studied abroad on six of the seven continents.



The time capsule buried in the Dairy Barn was recently opened.

Buried Treasure Opened

An 80-year-old time capsule placed in the Dairy Science Building cornerstone in 1928 was opened on March 28.

Special guests at the ceremony were Oklahoma A&M President Henry G. Bennett’s son Judge Tom Bennett and granddaughter Elizabeth Bennett of Oklahoma City. Tom Bennett was 8-years-old when the building was dedicated.

The time capsule revealed copies of state papers, the O’Collegian, Stillwater Daily Press, a college catalog, a Masonic coin, keys to another dairy building that had been replaced and a list of those at the dedication ceremony.

Robert Whitson, OSU vice president, dean and director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said optimism about agriculture in 1928 was great. “It was a golden era of agriculture,” he said. An interdisciplinary science research facility will be built on the site.

Approval Recommended For OSU-OKC Programs

The Higher Learning Commission’s visiting site team recommended approval for a bachelor’s degree offered on the OSU-OKC campus, the bachelor of technology in emergency responder administration, according to OSU-OKC President Jerry Carroll.

They also unanimously recommended for approval five existing associate degree programs to be offered totally online – healthcare administration, business technologies, management and two police science degrees. The team’s recommendations will be considered for final approval by the NCA Commission this summer.

“The review team was very complimentary of our facilities as they met with students, faculty, staff and community leaders,” Carroll said. “They were especially impressed with the enthusiasm of everyone about our institution and the very bright future that lies ahead for OSU-Oklahoma City.”

U.S. News & World Report

Osteopathic Medicine, Occupational Education Programs Highly Ranked

The OSU Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Education’s occupational studies graduate program were ranked among the best in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2008.”

The CHS ranked 14th in rural medicine and 30th in primary care, marking the seventh consecutive year the OSU medical school has been ranked. OSU Medicine ranked 20th in rural medicine and 45th in primary care in the 2007 report.

The occupational education studies graduate program tied for 10th place with Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, in vocational/technical programs. This program has made the Top 10 since 1998.

Rankings are determined by deans from across the nation based upon quality assessment, student selectivity, faculty resources and research activity.



Doug Foster, OSU-CHS Department of Surgery and colonoscopy chair, talks with screening program participant Clotee Nabors of Tulsa.

Center for Rural Health Provides Colonoscopies

A new Colorectal Cancer Screening Project, a collaborative effort between the OSU Center for Rural Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Health, provides free colonoscopies to qualifying individuals.

The colonoscopies are performed by the OSU-CHS Department of Surgery at the OSU Medical Center. Oklahoma Senators Johnnie Crutchfield and Debbie Leftwich secured funding from the state legislature to fund the free colonoscopies, and their goal is to make colonoscopy screening available to Oklahomans regardless of their ability to pay.

Smallwood, Timmons Receive Udall Scholarships

OSU students Sara-Jane Smallwood and Cortney Timmons are among 80 students from 60 colleges and universities selected to receive Morris K. Udall Scholarships.

Smallwood and Timmons, both students in OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, are the university's fourth and fifth recipients of the national honor since the scholarship program began in 1996.

"The entire OSU system is so proud of Cortney and Sara-Jane," said Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. "These two students are perfect examples of the result of hard work on their part and the high caliber of instruction all students receive at OSU."

The Udall Scholars were selected from 434 candidates nominated by 221 colleges and universities on the basis of leadership potential, academic achievement and commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy. Each will receive one-time stipends of up to \$5,000.

Smallwood, a Clayton agricultural communications and American Indian studies junior, is a member of the Choctaw Nation. She hopes to work with federal and tribal governments on issues related

to agriculture and environmental issues, specifically water.

Timmons, an Ada biosystems and agricultural engineering sophomore, hopes to design agricultural systems and programs that protect and sustain the quantity and quality of water, soil and other natural resources, while developing techniques to make agricultural operations more environmentally friendly.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service.



Sara-Jane Smallwood



Cortney Timmons



Matt Stiner

OSU-Tulsa Student Named Truman Scholar

Iraq war veteran Matt Stiner, Broken Arrow political science major, was named the first student from the OSU-Tulsa campus and only the 10th from OSU to be selected as a Truman Scholar, one of the nation's most prestigious national honors.

The \$30,000 scholarship is awarded to students who are entering public service and is awarded to only about 75 U.S. college juniors every year.

"The entire OSU community is proud of what Matt has accomplished for his country and in the classroom," said OSU Interim System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. "His many accomplishments, leadership and vision for the future are inspiring. He is yet another example of the elite work done by students at OSU."

In addition to the scholarship, Stiner also will receive leadership training, career and graduate school counseling and special internship opportunities within the federal government. Following graduation, he plans to pursue a master's degree in public administration from the University of Georgia.

December Graduate Receives NSF Fellowship

Elizabeth Casey of Tulsa, a biosystems engineering major who received her degree in December, was recently named the recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Currently a master's student in agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue University, she will receive a \$30,000 stipend each year for the three-year program, along with a \$10,000 tuition allotment.

Her research proposal was on improving ethanol yield from lignocellulosic material--basically, producing ethanol from agricultural waste such as corn stover.



Elizabeth Casey

Smith Receives Fulbright Grant

Matthew Smith of Tecumseh will be headed to Indonesia later this year after landing a Fulbright grant to serve as an English teaching assistant there.

Smith will graduate in May with a master's degree in international studies.

No stranger to overseas travel, he spent two years in Ecuador with the Peace Corps and currently serves as the organization's recruiter in Stillwater and Langston.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute for International Education, the Fulbright program offers research scholarships and teaching assistantships abroad for students and faculty.

The School of International Studies houses OSU's Fulbright Information Center. Robert Graalman, Steve Hallgren and Gerry Auel are on the university's Fulbright advisory committee.



Matthew Smith

Students, Faculty Honored at 25th Annual Phoenix Awards

Phoenix Awards to recognize exemplary achievement in leadership, scholarship, professional involvement and university and community service were presented to two students and one faculty member at the 25th Annual Phoenix Awards Reception, sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Association, the Graduate College, and the Vice President for Research

and Technology Transfer.

The Outstanding Master's Student was Charles Broaddus, veterinary clinical sciences. Finalists were Jeffrey S. Anderson, psychology, and Devinka Bamunusinghe, plant pathology.

Outstanding Doctoral Student was Chris M. Ray, educational psychology. Finalists were Samodha Fernando, animal science,

and Brenda L. McDaniel, psychology.

The Outstanding Graduate Faculty Member was Lynna J. Ausburn, teaching and leadership curriculum associate professor. Finalists were D. Dwayne D. Cartmell, agricultural education, communications and leadership assistant professor; and Thad R. Leffingwell, psychology assistant professor.



Veterinary Medicine Open House

A third-year veterinary medicine student explains how she is surgically repairing a stuffed dog to its owner, the daughter of two veterinary students, who is gowned and helping with anesthesia. This was one of 47 surgeries performed on teddy bears and stuffed animals during the Biannual Open House held in March that was attended by more than 2,000 people, including hundreds of elementary school students.



OSU alumnus John Niblack of New York, center, visited with Niblack Scholars who won at the 2007 Research Symposium: Brooke Washington, Oklahoma City veterinary pathobiology and physiological sciences junior; Alicia Davis, Bixby pathobiology and physiological sciences junior; Edward Manda, Lusaka, Zambia, physics sophomore; and Benjamin McLaughlin, Tahlequah pathobiology and physiological sciences senior.

Allison J. Ford, international business, Ponca City, received the Raymond D. Thomas Award from the Spears School of Business, an award that honors the top business senior.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' Top 10 Seniors are **Natalie Berning**, biochemistry and molecular biology, Duncan; **Blake Bixler**, agribusiness, Waynoka, who also received the Paul and Mary Hummer Outstanding Senior Award; **Ruth Bobbitt**, agricultural communications, Lamont; **Jeff Clark**, agricultural economics, Boise City; **Nikki Hupman**, agricultural communications, Collinsville; **Wravenna Phipps**, agricultural communications, Kearny, Neb.; **Shana Robson**, agribusiness, Norman; **Tyler Smith**, agribusiness, Elk City; **Brandon Trojan**, biochemistry and molecular biology, Enid; **Ryan Trojan**, biochemistry and molecular biology, Enid.

Edmond design, housing and merchandising senior **Kari Burris** won the Best

Portfolio Award at the American Society of Interior Design and International Interior Design Association Career Day held in Oklahoma City.

Randi Poff, Canute nutritional sciences junior, has been admitted to the OU Health Sciences' School of Dental Hygiene.

The OSU-OKC Cardiovascular Technology Department is graduating the **first class in the ultrasound program**. Eleven students will receive their Echocardiography A.A.S. degree this May.

Catlin Dixon, Stillwater apparel design sophomore, won the 2006 Year of Study Abroad Contest sponsored by the Study Abroad Office. She received \$100 and a National Geographic Traveler Magazine subscription for her response to the challenge, "Give me one good reason why I should study abroad." She will study this summer with the OSU faculty-led Design, Housing and Merchandising Study Abroad to Northern Italy.

Spears School of Business Outstanding Seniors are **Angela M. Baker**, accounting, Oklahoma City; **Matthew K.W. Givens**, finance, Oklahoma City; **Sarah M. Haynes**, management, McLoud; **Stacy L. Murray**, accounting, Ponca City; **J. Caleb Newport**, finance, Stonewall; **Amy Noblett**, finance, Manhattan, Kan.; **Michael D. Schultz**, management information systems, Coppel, Texas; **Michael A. Spexarth**, accounting, Colwich, Kan.; **Holly L. Thomas**, marketing, Edmond. Outstanding Graduate Teaching Associate Awards went to **Abush Belehe**, accounting, Ethiopia; **Bill McLean**, economics and legal studies, Stillwater; **Surya Chelikani**, finance, India; **Lance Frazier**, management, Collinsville; **Hani Li**, management information systems, China; **Rand Wergin**, marketing, Stillwater.

OSU-Tulsa's student Business Association's **annual book drive** collected gently used books appropriate for elementary school students, and on March 16 donated books were distributed to OSU-Tulsa's Partners in Education elementary schools, Roosevelt and Academy Central.



Janet Spittles

Spittles Named Student Employee of the Year

Janet Spittles, Delaware secondary education senior, has been named the OSU Student Employee of the Year. She has worked in the OSU Band Office for three years as a work-study office assistant. Spittles will now represent OSU in the regional competition hosted by the Southern Association of Student Employment Administrators.

The other four finalists chosen were Aimee Barrett, Chandler secondary education senior; Kendall Blakemore, Shawnee hotel and restaurant administration senior; Lin Koh, Malaysia food science senior; and Erin Price, Burns Flat senior.

All of the nominees were recognized at a reception in their honor during Student Employee Appreciation Week, April 8-14, hosted by the OSU Offices of Scholarships and Financial Aid and Career Services.

A “Remember the 10” Run is set for April 21 to commemorate the Jan. 27, 2001, OSU plane crash and raise money for counseling services for students. Visit www.remembertheten.com for information.

Graduate students **Udaya Gouty**, Hyderabad, India, mechanical engineering, and **Chia-Lin Huang**, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, therapeutic recreation, received the first \$500 “OSU Education for All Scholarships” from alumni who wanted to help other international students.

OSU-OKC students recently worked at the Harn Homestead building paths, painting buildings, general clean-up and preparing for children’s visits. For 10 years, **Denis Smith**, humanities associate professor, has taken students there to volunteer.

Greek Discovery Day 2007 welcomed 528 high school juniors or seniors from Oklahoma and Texas, along with 372 parents or guardians, who came to learn about Greek membership benefits and recruitment.

Alumni Announce Outstanding 2007 Seniors

The OSU Alumni Association has released its list of Outstanding Seniors for 2007, including 12 from Oklahoma and three from out of state.

The students, who were chosen based on scholarship, leadership and service to the campus and community include: Blake Bixler, Waynoka; Allison Ford, Ponca City; Darnell Smith, San Antonio;

Ruth Bobbitt, Lamont; Sarah Haynes, McCloud; Tyler Smith, Elk City; Kathryn Bolay, Perry, Katie Lee, Durant; Amber Stangl, Clinton; Jeff Clark, Boise City; Amy Noblett, Manhattan, Kan., Holly Thomas, Edmond; Evan Fitz, Lawton; Wravenna Phipps, Kearney, Neb.; and Evan Worley, Oklahoma City.



“2007 Beauty and the Beast” on April 7 raised funds for the OSU Rodeo Team, which travels more than 4,500 miles a year to compete at National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association sanctioned events. The first round started with bull riders pitting themselves against over 1,000 pounds of rage for eight seconds, then barrel racers took center stage at the OSU Rodeo Arena.

The College of Education’s Top 10 Seniors for 2007 are **Sally Buxton**, Edmond, secondary education; **Abby Cavalier**, Pampa, Texas, secondary education; **Valerie Gillen**, Hays, Kan., secondary education; **Rexi Graham**, Edmond, secondary education; **Ashley Hall**, Pawnee, elementary education; **Tracy Kila**, Sand Springs, secondary education; **Preston Melhauser**, Greeley, Colo., aviation sciences; **Kristen Radka**, Ponca City, elementary education; and **Megan Walker**, Waynoka, elementary education; and **Martin Williams**, Tuttle, aviation sciences. Outstanding Graduate Assistants are **Brent Hill**, Shawnee, educational psychology; **Angel Kymes**, Bixby, education; and **Jerilyn Thorman**, Tulsa, educational psychology.

AT&T/OSU Presidential Transfer Scholarships were awarded this academic year to 277 students to attend OSU. The transfer scholarships are part of a \$3 million AT&T Foundation Grant to OSU that funds one of the largest college student transfer programs in Oklahoma.

Stillwater Public Schools will have Junior Achievement programs for the first time in 10 years thanks to **Jack Hedrick**. The Canadian career and technical education senior will help secure funds and volunteers to teach more than 2,000 students.

OSU hosted the **Big 12 American Indian Student Leadership Conference** on March 28-30. The conference, founded at OSU in 1998, promotes leadership development in the Big 12 Conference and is a forum for American Indian students from colleges and universities nationwide, according to Jessica Moore, OSU Native American Student Association president.

Lauren Simmons, Smithtown, N.Y., history senior, has been named to the Big 12’s Spring Sports Good Works Team that recognizes community service efforts by the Big 12 student-athletes. Simmons, on the OSU tennis team, has been named to the Academic All-Big 12 first team for the past two seasons.



Ziad El Rassi

2007 Oklahoma Chemist of the Year

Ziad El Rassi, chemistry professor, was named the 2007 Oklahoma Chemist of the Year by the Oklahoma Five Sections of the ACS for his outstanding contributions to chemistry in the state of Oklahoma in the field of chromatography, especially in the area of liquid phase separation techniques. The award was presented in Ponca City on March 10. In 2006, he was named the 2006 Oklahoma Scientist of the Year by the Oklahoma Academy of Science.



CHES Dean Pat Knaub, center, congratulates Tara White and Kristi Thrift

CHES Honors Staff At Appreciation Luncheon

Tara White and Kristi Thrift received 2007 Outstanding Staff Awards in the College of Human Environmental Sciences during its annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

White, senior customer support services person in the Duplicating Office, has worked at the college for four years. Thrift, Student Academic Services director, has been at the college and OSU for eight years.

Jacque Lochmiller, assistant to the dean and director of administrative support services for CHES, received a special "Loyal and True" award for her 17 years of service to the college.



Jill Porter, left, visited with Kristen McCurdy of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf at a Jill Porter disAbilities Awareness Day held at OSU-Okmulgee. The recent fifth annual day, named for the visually impaired OSU-Okmulgee graduate, educated participants about special needs and solutions available to people with disabilities.

Governor and Eskimo Joe's Commend Teachers

A proclamation by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry and special T-shirts by Eskimo Joe's are helping OSU celebrate teachers and raise funds for future teacher scholarships.

The proclamation was presented during the April 2 "Celebration of Teaching: Teacher Recognition Day," which honors exceptional Oklahoma teachers.

The T-shirts are being sold as part of the "Thank a Teacher" campaign to raise scholarship funds for future teachers and funds for the Stillwater Public Education Foundation. The T-shirt says: "Eskimo Joe's salutes teachers: Changing the World."

"More than \$40,000 has been raised so far to create these scholarships for future teachers as people acknowledge the teachers who impacted their lives or the lives of their children," said College of Education Dean Pamela Fry.



Sherry Morgan, second from left, the 1980 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, models the Eskimo Joe's T-shirts that support OSU teacher scholarships and the Stillwater Public Education Foundation. With her are Education Dean Pamela Fry, Eskimo Joe's owner Stan Clark, and Scott Petty, Stillwater Public Education Foundation.

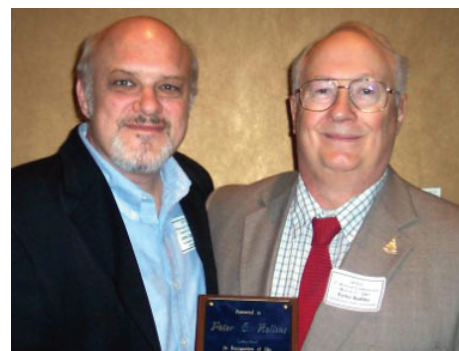
OLA Honors 100 For Library Support

The Oklahoma Library Association has named 100 outstanding individuals and support groups as Library Legends, including 11 from OSU, to commemorate both the Centennial of the state of Oklahoma and the 100th anniversary of the Oklahoma Library Association.

The Library Legend honor roll recognizes outstanding library professionals, individuals and support groups who have worked during the past 100 years to innovate, improve and expand how libraries in Oklahoma serve the public.

OSU notables making the list were Ken Bierman, Elsie Hand, Peggy Helmerich, Edward R. Johnson, Edmon Low, Cora Millimore, John and Vicki Phillips, Roscoe and Charlie Lou Rouse, and Della Thomas.

More information is available on the OLA Web site at www.oklibs.org/.



John Springer of the UCO English Department and co-host of the Oklahoma Film and Video Studies Society presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to OSU Regents Professor Peter C. Rollins.

Rollins Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Peter C. Rollins, Regents Professor of English and American Film Studies at OSU, received the Lifetime Achievement Award on March 31 from the Oklahoma Film and Video Studies Society.

Rollins, former editor of "Film & History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Film and Television Studies" and the author and editor of 10 books and more than 100 published articles, also served as president of the Popular Culture Association from 1980-82.

He joined the OSU faculty in 1972 and will retire this May. He taught the first OSU film classes in a program that has produced master's and doctoral graduates since 1978.

Lori McKinnon, journalism and broadcasting associate professor, has been invited to sit on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Sport Communication*.

Lee Slaughter, chemistry assistant professor, was awarded a three-year NSF Career Award that has both a research and instructional component and involves a college/high school interaction with minority (Native American) high school students.

The OSU-OKC Student Services Department recognized the spring 2007 Enrollment MVPs, staff members who provided excellent customer service during the enrollment period: **Kimberly Smith**, Welcome Center; **Grace Nelson**, student support services; **Denise Demers**, financial aid; **Susie Cole**, records; **Pam Millican**, admissions; **Amber Hefner**, career tech coordinator; **Joy Wieland**, advisement; **Lili Valle**, recruitment; **Kristi Pendleton**, student activities; **Loretta Hatchett**, records; **Kay Hanger**, assessment; and **Kamary Van Patten**, student worker.

OSU-OKC nurse science professors **Deborah Crow**, **Barbara Weis**, **Tracy Edwards** and **Karen Lockwood** were awarded the first place GIFT award at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges annual conference for their poster presentation on Evidenced Based Practice.

Andrew Cheetham, music assistant professor, received an \$8,000 National Endowment grant for the Arts' Jazz Masters on Tour program. This award has been used to support bringing guest artist Slide Hampton to OSU for a mini-residency.

New honorary members of Phi Zeta are **Sahlu Ayalew**, veterinary pathobiology research assistant professor; **Clint Krehbiel**, animal science assistant professor; and **Mason Reichard**, veterinary pathobiology assistant professor.

Geography Professor **Dale Lightfoot's** book on Iraq, part of the Modern World Nations series, has been published by Chelsea House Publishers. It is drawn from research and personal experiences working 15 years in the Middle East, spending time in Iraq and working with Iraqis in 2004-05.

Phil Choo, art assistant professor, won Best of Show at the Design Educator's National Exhibition Show.

Marcella Sirhandi, art professor, won an Oklahoma Humanities Grant to travel to Nepal in May to identify 40 photographs of the Nepalese royal family from the 1920s and 30s. The photographs are in the collection of the Ponca City Public library and will be exhibited in the John McNeese Ponca City Art Gallery in November.

Aric Warren, athletic training assistant professor, received a grant from the Mid America Athletic Trainers' Association to study the influence of off-the-shelf orthotics in knee motion during functional activities.

International Centre for Pension Management at the University of Toronto awarded **Joel Harper**, finance associate professor, a \$40,000 grant for a research project that will look at the effectiveness of public sponsored pension plan boards in the management of the plans' assets.

Yonglin Jiang, history assistant professor, was awarded the \$64,000 Charles Ryskamp Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies for 2007-08 for research on a project focused on law and society in Ming China.

Joseph P. Byrnes, history professor, received the \$1,000 Da Vinci Fellow's Award from the Da Vinci Institute in Oklahoma City for creativity in scholarship. He won this award for development of a biographical database of the 40,000 priests caught up in the anticlerical initiatives of the French Revolution.

Dustin Devine, equine emergency clinician/surgeon, and **Mike Schoonover**, former equine surgery resident, both passed the recent examination and are now officially Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

OSU's **Coaches vs. Cancer** campaign was recognized as the third highest individual institutional grossing campaign nationally and Big 12 leader in dollars raised.

Liz Roth, art assistant professor, has been named the first Artist-in-Residence at the Wrangell Mountain Center in McCarthy, Alaska, for July 2007.

Kent Sampson, Campus Life director and Student Union associate director, was elected to serve as chair-elect for the Commission on Administrative Leadership of the American College Personnel Association, which has a membership of more than 8,000 in the U.S.

The Oklahoma Society of CPAs has named **Lanny G. Chasteen**, accounting professor, the Oklahoma Outstanding Educator for 2006-07. He is the first repeat recipient, having also received this award in 1991, its inaugural year.

David D'Andrea, history assistant professor, received a \$3,500 grant for summer research near Venice, Italy, by the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation.

Spears School of Business Dean **Sara M. Freedman** recently returned from graduation ceremonies at Zayed University, United Arab Emirates, where she was keynote speaker for the Executive MBA Program in which the Spears School participates as part of a teaching consortium.

Honored faculty receiving 2007 Order of Omega awards, voted on by fraternities and sororities, are **Franklin "Bailey" Norwood**, Agriculture and Natural Resources; **Gina Noble**, Arts and Sciences; **L. Lee Manzer**, Business; **Nikki Hoffman**, Education; **Samir Ahmed**, Engineering, Architecture and Technology; **Laura Hubbs-Tait**, Human Environmental Sciences.

OSU-OKC and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority have expanded their **certified nurse aide training program** statewide at no cost to qualified Oklahomans. Program graduates who earn CNA certification are required to work at a Medicaid long-term care facility for at least 12 months. The curriculum is comprised of 80 hours of training including 24 hours of supervised clinical training. Students must pass an OSBI background check and nurse aide registry screening prior to beginning training.

Smart Start Payne County selected OSU as one of eight businesses to receive a "Spirit of the Family" Award for family-friendly practices in its work/life policies. **Anne Matoy**, assistant vice president and chief human resources officer, and **Carey Warner**, chair of the Staff Advisory Council, accepted the award on OSU's behalf.

OSU Foundation Reports New Gifts

The OSU Foundation has announced several new gifts in support of OSU, including:

--A \$2 million gift to the OSU Spears School of Business from Houston-based energy marketer Chuck Watson and his family for the planned business building project. To honor the family's leadership and generosity, the Spears School renamed its trading floor the Charles L. Watson Trading Floor. Watson, a 1972 OSU business graduate, is the co-founder and chairman of Eagle Energy Partners in Houston that focuses on the purchase, distribution and sale of natural gas and electric power. He is chair of Wincrest Ventures, a venture capital company he founded in 1994, and a partner in Caldwell/Watson Real Estate that he co-founded in 1995.

--A \$250,000 gift from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation, established by Edith Kinney Gaylord, to fund an endowed professorship in sports media. It will serve as a cornerstone for the sports media program, which was approved by the OSU Board of Regents last fall. Previous funding from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation helped make the program possible. Funds for the professorship will help attract a nationally renowned scholar to lead the development and expansion of the new program and help attract partnerships with well respected national sports media outlets.

--In a separate gift, the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation provided \$71,000 to strengthen public radio station KOSU by expanding its ability to provide coverage of ongoing legislative activity in Oklahoma through the State Capitol Report. It also will allow KOSU to involve

more students in producing on-air segments and purchase equipment.

--Fully funded at \$250,000, the Jeanine Rhea/Oklahoma International Women's Forum Endowed Professorship is eligible for a state match, and will provide opportunities for women in leadership roles throughout the state and nation.

--A \$5,000 Boeing Company gift to purchase media equipment to facilitate instruction for a new educational aerospace logistics option within the College of Education will provide educational support to meet the needs of the state's aerospace industry and allow Rose State College students to take coursework for an aerospace logistics degree awarded through OSU's College of Education. OSU is revising the undergraduate and graduate degree plans to meet the needs of the state's aerospace industry, which is reflected in the new curriculum.



Spears School of Business Dean Sara M. Freedman, left, honoree Chuck Watson and Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe ring the opening bell to dedicate the Watson Trading Floor. Watson, an OSU alumnus and energy marketer, donated \$2 million as the first contribution toward the construction of a new business building for the Spears School.

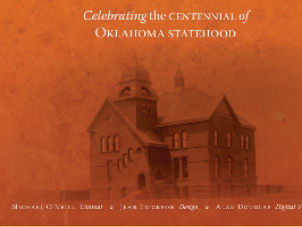
Miss Hispanic OSU 2007



Olivia Withington, an advertising junior, native of Cozumel and graduate of Thomas A. Edison High School in Tulsa, was crowned Miss Hispanic OSU 2007 on March 3. In her new role, she will represent the Hispanic Student Association and help advance the Hispanic community on and off-campus.



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