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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

The first day of fall semester classes on Aug. 20 is right around the corner and we continue to work hard on enrollment and orientation. We will be welcoming another strong freshman class and look forward to all that our faculty and students will achieve.

In addition to everything we will see accomplished in the classroom, this school year will feature the launch of a number of construction projects, many of which have already begun.

We were pleased to have Governor Brad Henry join us for the July 26 groundbreaking of our new Interdisciplinary Science Research Building. The \$70 million facility is the single largest project of the Oklahoma Higher Education Capital Bond Program and will be a learning and research jewel on our campus. It is expected to be completed by the fall of 2010. The building will allow faculty, researchers and students from all disciplines to share knowledge and find solutions that impact our society.

We will be celebrating the launch of several other construction projects before the end of the year. U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe will join us for the August groundbreaking of the multi-modal transportation center. In addition, we will have ceremonies for various other projects: a new classroom building, Old Central, the Donald W. Reynolds Architecture Building, Murray Hall, and the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab.

These construction projects highlight an exciting period of growth unparalleled in the university's history that also include the work being done on Boone Pickens Stadium and in the athletic village area. New facilities and improvements to current buildings are part of the \$826 million campus master plan that will transform OSU over the next five to seven years, making it more competitive in academics, campus life and athletics.

One of the most notable existing facilities on the OSU campus recently received a new name thanks to the Robert M. Kerr family. Oklahoma's highly successful food processing center is now the Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center. The center opened in 1997 and has helped more than 1,000 clients while supporting the growth of value-added food and agricultural products and processing in Oklahoma. We sincerely appreciate everything the Kerr family has done for OSU.

Oklahoma State University alumni Kim and Chuck Watson of Houston are making a \$20 million life insurance gift to benefit equally the College of Education and the Spears School of Business. This remarkable gift will benefit a countless number of future Oklahoma State University students. We applaud Kim and Chuck Watson for their continued generosity and thank them for their loving commitment to OSU.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the outstanding work the OSU Foundation, in particular General Counsel Gary Clark, has done in acquiring the property to build our athletic village complex on an 80-acre area north of Boone Pickens Stadium. OSU worked extra hard to accommodate property owners in the area, successfully purchasing 99 percent of the properties through voluntary negotiated settlements with more than 175 owners.

OSU-OKC Farmers' Market

The OSU-OKC Downtown Farmers' Market, sponsored by Downtown Oklahoma City, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, completed a successful season on July 25. Every item sold at the market was grown or made in Oklahoma. In addition to a wide array of food items, the market offered herbs, bedding plants, fresh cut flowers, skin care, craft items, and art by local artists. The downtown market is in addition to Saturday's market on campus at the OSU-OKC Horticulture Center, which is open year round. For more information, visit www.osuokc.edu/farmersmarket.





Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center

FAPC Honors Kerr With Name Change

The Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center has been renamed the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center to honor the late senator's role in its conception and development.

"Without the leadership, vision and consistent hard work of the late Sen. Kerr, the Food & Agricultural Products Center would not exist today," said J. Roy Escoubas, FAPC director. "Sen. Kerr worked tirelessly for two decades to pass legislation for the development of a food-processing center in Oklahoma."

The FAPC opened in 1997 and the 96,000-square-foot building houses animal harvesting, food manufacturing, grain milling, sensory profiling, food microbiology and analytical laboratory facilities, conference facilities and applications laboratories for demonstration and prototype testing. In 10 years, it has assisted more than 1,000 Oklahoma clients through 3,000 technical and business projects.

The name change was announced at the third annual FAPC Media Day, attended by approximately 85 media representatives and industry personnel.

Keynote speaker Rodger Kerr, son of Sen. Kerr, discussed his father's role in the development of FAPC, his own role as a member of the Industry Advisory Committee and the FAPC's impact on the state.

Janifer Reynolds, host of "Discover Oklahoma," moderated the event.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Set to Open Sites in Tulsa, OKC

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater will open two new sites in September, one in Tulsa and the other in Oklahoma City.

Institute membership is open to any adult with an interest in continuing educational experiences and willingness to support the program through participation and payment of a membership fee.

The institute, associated with the OSU College of Education, features town hall meetings, an annual spring celebration dinner and business meeting, social events, travel opportunities and other special programs. Its course offerings will start in September.

OSU hosts Mali media professionals

Faculty members in the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership hosted 14 media professionals from Mali in July through a project funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The purpose of this three-phase project is to assist Malian journalists in understanding media and culture in the United States.

"The project provides learning experiences to support their acquisition and practice of professional media standards," said Dwayne Cartmell, project coordinator. "Our goal is to expose those involved with the project from both countries to cultural and societal similarities and differences."

The Malian participants interned with various Oklahoma media outlets, including KOSU, the Stillwater NewsPress, Oklahoma "Horizon," Radio Oklahoma Network, KGWA/KOFM Radio in Enid, the Tulsa World, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, OSU Communications, the OSU Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center, and OSU Agricultural Communications Services. Each participant was paired with an American professional who works in the same communications area as the participant.

U.S. team members traveled to Mali in March to learn about Malian culture and media, and they will return in December to follow-up with participants who spent July in Oklahoma.



OSU ag ed alumnus and farmer Keith Kisling of Burlington, a member of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, finds Mali on the world map with Agathe Diamo and Assoumane Maiga.



Malians Boubacar Sankaré and Assoumane Maiga learn about production agriculture from Art Peper, center, a farmer from Adair, Okla.

They Want to be Cowboys!

Approximately 650 new students took part in five Camp Cowboy weekends this summer, according to Kent Sampson, director of Campus Life. A sixth mini-Camp Cowboy is set for Aug. 12 for the entire varsity football team, their families and coaches.

“We had a great staff this year, including about 150 upperclass student counselors and wranglers who volunteered their time, and our four student directors,” Sampson said. Nearly half the students who attend each year to learn more about OSU and Cowboy traditions are from out of state.



Oklahoma’s First Rise School to Open Doors This Fall

The nation’s seventh Rise School will open this fall thanks to state officials and others who have made it possible to bring the national flagship program for children with disabilities to Oklahoma.

The school, which received \$550,000 in state funding, will be located at Stillwater Head Start until a permanent location is built, and will partner closely with OSU, said Dana Hilbert, school director. Each class will have a teacher with a master’s degree and experience in teaching children with disabilities, as well as two full-time OSU teaching assistants.

The school’s goal is for children to receive personal attention from teachers, special curriculum and specific intervention therapies that will ultimately allow each to graduate with a high school degree. The school also will provide important hands-on internship and observation opportunities for college students majoring in early childhood education and

special education, which will train and better prepare them to teach in Oklahoma classrooms.

The seed funding to start the process for developing the Rise School came in part from a \$425,000 gift from Boone Pickens to the Mya Gonzales Foundation

last November.

The Mya Gonzales Foundation was formed by Jimmy Gonzales, OSU director of football operations, and his wife Mary in March 2006. Their daughter, Mya, was born with Down Syndrome in July 2005.



Fired-Up About Research, Science and Engineering

Twenty high school students participated in the weeklong Fired-Up About Research, Science and Engineering academy this month in Stillwater. Hands-on experiences with robotics, rapid prototyping and forensics introduced them to careers in fields facing critical professional shortages. As part of a fire protection and safety technology project, they built makeshift houses for a live fire exercise. Presented by the Fire Protection and Safety Technology department and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Academic Support, the academy was sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.



Ember Ennis of Okmulgee, age 6, checks out Dolly the Cow during Grandparent University.

Grandparent University “enrolls” 218

The OSU Alumni Association welcomed OSU legacies and their grandparents to campus for the fifth annual Grandparent University. The two-day summer camp was a fun-filled experience to engage kids in OSU academics while creating memories for grandparents and grandchildren.

This year, 109 children and 109 grandparents from 15 states took part.

Nine majors representing almost every

college on the Stillwater campus welcomed legacies and grandparents to learn a variety of subjects. Majors included art, architecture, aviation, broadcasting, child care, fashion design, interior design and veterinary medicine.

GPU is a benefit of the OSU Alumni Association only available to active members of the association and their children or grandchildren.

Forensics classes popular for students in Stillwater, Tulsa

When they first enroll in his course, Ron Thrasher's students wonder if the sociology class will imitate the wildly popular TV series "CSI."

Thrasher teaches advanced forensics as part of the College of Arts and Sciences Outreach program. A seasoned forensics expert and one of Stillwater's top cops, he provides hands-on experience on how to conduct detective work and how to think like a bad guy.

The class begins with a scenario of a missing person/murder investigation. Most of the course is taught online, but it's the one-time field experience his students remember. They head to a field just outside of Stillwater where they conduct an on-site exhumation. There, they search for buried remains – in this case, animal remains.

The search and analysis involves complex techniques such as collecting the data, understanding the skeletal system, estimating age, sex and ancestry, and establishing a positive identification.

"Having a cop who knew how to process a crime scene made the class even more riveting," said Autumn McDaniel, a Tulsa chemistry senior who took the class last spring.

Thrasher has more than 30 years experience as a police officer, and oversees

Stillwater's criminal investigation division, processing about 100,000 police reports a year.

And in Tulsa.....

A police cruiser with lights flashing, news reporters and a dummy body set the stage for a mock homicide staged by OSU-CHS Department of Forensic Sciences.

The event gave forensics students hands-on experience working a homicide scene.

OSU will collaborate with The University of Tulsa College of Law in a mock trial component in July. OSU forensic students will provide evidence and testimony and law students will gain experience preparing, cross-examining and understanding the special requirements for dealing with expert witnesses.

A media alert informed the public about the mock homicide and gave the scene an atmosphere of reality.



Ron Thrasher supervises sociology students as they search a field for buried remains.

Melissa Burden, Ada graduate student in nutritional sciences, was selected to serve on the American Dietetics Association Student Council Advisory Committee.

An article by **Danielle Kelton**, veterinary class of 2007 and current intern in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, won "Best Submission" for "Bone marrow necrosis and myetophthisis: Manifestations of T-cell lymphoma in a horse" from *The Vet Gazette*, the official journal of the Student American Veterinary Medical Association.

The Department of Aviation Education conducted the **OSU High School Aerospace Academy** for 30 high school juniors and seniors in June. The academy is funded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The department also conducted the FAA-NASA Teacher Workshop held at the FAA-Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City in June. The workshop was funded by the FAA and NASA.

David M. King, D.O., '04 Osteopathic Medicine, is the first resident in a new Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine "plus one residency" year at the OSU Health Care Center. Residents must have completed a residency in another specialty before taking the additional training year in osteopathic manipulative medicine. The residency will produce osteopathic physicians who integrate osteopathic philosophy and manipulative medicine into primary care and all specialties.

CEAT students placed 15th out of 75 entries in the Society of Automotive Engineers' 2007 Mini Baja East Student Competition in Florida. The team entered the East contest for the first time and had to design and build a car for sea as well as land travel. Among 52 teams that completed all short events and passed every technical inspection, the students placed ninth in the pivotal endurance race.

Stillwater chemical engineering senior **Matt Beier** presented his research paper, "Taking off soutstuff and alkali matters: the Discourse of Chemistry in Finnegans Wake," as part of an OSU panel at the International James Joyce Conference in Austin. Also presenting were OSU faculty Ed Walkiewicz, English, and Jeff Withey, philosophy.

OSU's School of Journalism and Broadcasting kicked off its inaugural **Sports Media Camp** on June 7 in Stillwater. Eight high school students took part in a three-day camp that gave each the chance to learn about careers in sports media, according to Tom Weir, Journalism and Broadcasting director. Students covered two live sporting events while learning the basics of play-by-play, and studied production, interview and writing techniques. Sportscasters Dave Hunziker, the voice of the OSU Cowboys, and Ron Thulin of TBS's Big 12 Football, served as instructors and were assisted by OSU journalism faculty Ray Murray and John McGuire.



OSU-OKC and Oklahoma Health Care Authority graduated its first free two-week class in nurse aide training in Weatherford on June 1. Certified graduates must work at a Sooner Care long-term care facility in Oklahoma for at least 12 months.

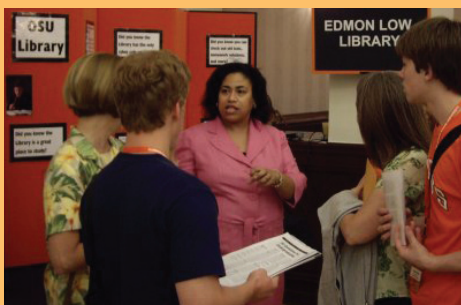
Ag Econ Majors Tour British Isles

Agricultural economics students are back from a 13-day study tour that provided an overview of the cultural, agricultural, historical, technological, political, economic, communications and religious facets of Scotland, England and Ireland.

They met with agriculture contacts, gaining knowledge about agricultural policy and how international companies operate.

In London, they visited U.S. embassy officials and toured Syngenta, a world-leading agribusiness, to help understand differences in ag policy between the two countries. Visiting an Irish farm allowed students to learn their farming practices.

For the third time in four years, a biosystems and agricultural engineering team has won the AGCO Corporation National Student Design Competition, held in Minneapolis. **Clinton Cosgrove, Matthew Lemmons, Kevin Taylor and Lance Klement** won a \$1,250 cash award and \$300 for their department for their senior project—the redesign of a tree shear that was completed this past year for Perkins manufacturer Vassar Equipment Co. Their adviser is Paul Weckler, biosystems and agricultural engineering associate professor.



New students toured OSU as part of summer orientation, and had the opportunity to visit with faculty and staff.

Battiest Senior Elected Phi Beta Lambda National Treasurer for 2007-08

Mary Oliver, Battiest accounting senior, was elected national treasurer for Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization for college students interested in business.

Nine OSU students and their adviser attended the national conference in Chicago in June.

Winning awards at the conference were Emilee Lehenbauer, Stillwater international business senior, second place, international business; Lehenbauer and Mitchell Norton, Coweta marketing junior, fourth place, management concepts (team event); Norton, first place, marketing concepts; Oliver, eighth place, accounting for professionals and third place, accounting analysis and decision making; Jessica Reid, Edmond hotel and restaurant administration and marketing senior, eighth place, marketing analysis and decision making and fifth place, hospitality management. OSU took eighth place for the local chapter annual business report.

Helping the students with conference costs were the Departments of Management Information Systems, Marketing/International Business, and Hotel and Restaurant Administration.

Nicole Nascenzi, OSU-Tulsa mass communications graduate student, has been elected president of the Tulsa chapter of the Association for Women in Communications.

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics selected OSU student **Johnny Chandler** to present a paper on a design for a Mars aircraft at the 58th International Astronautical Congress in September. Chandler, an undergraduate from Chowchilla, Calif., will travel all expenses paid to Hyderabad, India, to present the paper, "Design and Flight Testing of a Mars Aircraft Prototype Using Inflatable Wings." The paper is the result of his work as a member of a team of mechanical and aerospace engineering students who are designing an unmanned air vehicle for NASA. Jamey Jacob, mechanical and aerospace engineering associate professor, is adviser for Chandler and the aircraft design team.



Dean Sara Freedman, right, visits with students from Mexico.

Chihuahua Students Visit OSU This Summer

A group of 21 Mexican students visited OSU-Stillwater in June as part of a study abroad trip.

The collaborative effort between the William S. Spears School of Business and the Chihuahua campus of Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey gave the students a chance to experience education and culture in Oklahoma.

The 12 finance and nine engineering students took daily English lessons, sat in on courses and visited business, governmental and cultural venues.

The School of International Studies helped them acclimate through interactions with OSU students from Mexico and Venezuela.

OSU-Okmulgee visual communications student **Robert Giltner**, Wynnewood graphic design, won \$500 in a competition sponsored by the Sustainable Tulsa organization for his design of a cover and inside divider tab pages for the group's "Green Directory." The media package design of visual communications student **Nicholas Robinson**, Wewoka graphic design, was selected to promote the Henryetta 2007 Spring Living Legends Rodeo.

Management Ph.D. students **Jason Ridge** and **Aaron Hill**, along with **Matt Vassar**, statistician at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, had their paper, "Inducing Score Reliability from Previous Reports: An Examination of Life Satisfaction Studies," accepted for publication in *Social Indicators Research*.

Mechanical and aerospace engineering teams placed second and fourth in the 2007 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics International **Student Design/Build/Fly Competition**.



Associate Dean Tom Wikle had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a B-1B bomber this month while observing ROTC training.

Wikle Observes ROTC Training, Tours Base

Tom Wikle, associate dean for academic programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, took part this month in an Air Force ROTC Distinguished Educator's Visit at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D.

The group included 25 faculty members, administrators and advisers from across the U.S. Participants observed cadets

who were completing a month-long field experience that takes place between their sophomore and junior years.

Visitors toured the base and had the chance to sit in a B-1B bomber cockpit that was first used in combat in 1998 during Operation Desert Fox. The bomber holds more than 40 world records for speed, payload, range and time of climb.



The women's team was victorious over the men's team in the Tug-of-War contest during OSU-Okmulgee's employee summer picnic. In addition to numerous activities, the staff grilled hamburgers and a DJ provided music from the 70s and 80s. Door prizes included OSU-Okmulgee lawn chairs and T-shirts.

Fry Named Business Leader of the Year

Workforce Oklahoma's Northeast Investment Area named OSU-Okmulgee's Scott Fry "Business Leader of the Year" in May.

He also received a commendation from Gov. Brad Henry, along with an Oklahoma centennial medallion.

Fry is manager of the OSU-Okmulgee Advanced Technical Training Center at Pryor's MidAmerica Industrial Park. He has been a member of the Northeast Workforce Investment Board since 2002, and is the elected chair of the NWIB youth council.

Natalie Shirley, Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Tourism, honored Fry at the Workforce Oklahoma Centennial Celebration of Excellence that was held at the

Oklahoma State Capitol. Each year, 12 individuals from across the state are recognized for their workforce development-related community leadership, collaboration with others and efforts to improve training and education.



Scott Fry and Natalie Shirley

The Board of Trustees for the Higher Learning Commission has confirmed its selection of **Marlene Strathe**, interim system CEO and president of OSU, as vice chair/chair-elect of the board. She will serve on the 2007-08 executive committee for the board, which represents the commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Ival Gregory, Fraternity and Sorority Affairs manager, was recognized for his continuing support of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity at the 85th Middle Western Province Council hosted by Oklahoma City alumni and Zeta Theta.

Kay Ellis, University Research Programs director, is vice chair/chair-elect of the National Council of University Research Administrators Region V (Oklahoma and Texas). She will plan the 2008 regional spring meeting, which will be hosted by OSU at Bricktown in Oklahoma City.

The **OSU Botanical Garden's** Summer Garden Fest hosted more than 400 people.

Marie Basler, Off-Campus/Non-Traditional Student coordinator, will serve as communications officer for the Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education for the 2007-08 academic year.

A paper by **David Njite**, hotel and restaurant administration assistant professor, and **Yumi Park** of Korea, doctoral student, was named Best Paper by the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education.

Kent Sampson, Campus Life director, is chair-elect for the Commission on Administrative Leadership. He will preside over a directorate body of 25 leaders from throughout the country that carries out the actual business of the profession.

Tulsa's Hale High School juniors and seniors can explore health career opportunities in a new OSU-CHS partnership with **Partners in Education**. Bavette Leeper, project manager, said plans include tours of the OSU medical school and OSU mobile telemedicine clinic, job shadowing and class sessions with physicians, nurses and allied health professionals. Students also will learn about academic requirements and college entrance procedures.

Joe Ray, Allied Arts coordinator, was elected OSU Friends of Music Board of Directors president, and he chairs the Stillwater Community Center Advisory Board.

The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers has funded the **first fully-endowed graduate fellowship in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering**, established in memory of Bill Collins of Oklahoma City, an internationally known specialist in heating, ventilating and air conditioning.

Dana Call, OSU-OKC veterinary technician specialist, is president-elect of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators, an international organization whose members include veterinary technicians and veterinarians who are instructors in veterinary technology programs across North America as well as overseas. She is only the fourth veterinary technician elected to this post in the association.

Joyce Montgomery, Service-Learning Volunteer Center coordinator, attended the National Career Clusters meeting in Phoenix in June, where professionals reviewed an emerging education system by applying academic learning to real world solutions.

Lorenzo Cremaschi, mechanical and aerospace engineering assistant professor, received \$299,830 in state funds to improve compact heat pumps by using micro channel technology, and **Albert Rosenberger**, physics professor, received \$89,574 to develop a method to grow gold nanorods on a glass microresonator. The projects were among nine selected from 43 submitted statewide to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology.

Ramesh Sharda, ConocoPhillips Chair and Regents Professor of MSIS and director of the Institute for Research in Information Systems, received a Onenet grant to analyze their telecommunications service pricing models and develop a new model.

More than 90 engineers and scientists representing 50 companies and nine countries attended the ninth annual **International Conference on Web Handling** in June. The biennial conference is presented by OSU's Web Handling Research Center.

OSU sent four employee teams to Miami to **help with flood recovery efforts** at NEO A&M College. OSU employees representing environmental health and safety, risk management, moveable equipment, and architecture and construction supported the clean-up, and purchasing helped expedite the ordering process.

The American Veterinary Medical History Society published a book review of **Sidney Ewing's** "Organized Veterinary Medicine in the 46th State: The Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, 1907-2006."

Kimberly Rebek, new host of "Oklahoma Gardening," will do a "hand-off" shot with current host Steve Owens on Aug. 18 and her first solo show airs Aug. 25. The OETA program airs Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

OSU-OKC's **Educational Talent Search** program conducted 10 on-campus leadership workshops last spring for 260 students in grades 6-12.

David Knottnerus, sociology professor, will preside over a conference sponsored by the Sociological Imagination Group in New York that focuses on sociological imagination, a technique people use to connect individual problems to social issues such as poverty, violence and justice.

Daqing Piao, electrical and computer engineering assistant professor, is principal investigator on what is possibly the first prostate cancer-related project in Oklahoma funded by the Department of Defense. He leads a three-year study by OSU and OU researchers to develop an imaging technique to supplant and reduce unnecessary biopsies.

The American Society of Animal Science has bestowed its highest honor, the title of "Fellow," on **Donald G. Wagner**, head of the Animal Science Department, and **Bob Wettemann**, OSU Regents Professor, to recognize them for their scientific achievements and service to the nation's livestock industry.

The OSU-Okmulgee Faculty/Staff Council recognized **Maria Christian**, communications, with the Outstanding Faculty Award, and **Doreen White**, Student Life unit assistant, with the Outstanding Staff Award.

Georgette Yetter, school psychology assistant professor, was selected to participate in a three-day training seminar in Washington, D.C., "Using the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 (ECLS-K) Database for Research," sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.

Katherine M. Kocan, Regents Professor of veterinary pathobiology, was named dedicatee for the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Tropical Veterinary Medicine, held in Merida, Mexico. Kocan and **Edmour F. Blouin**, veterinary pathobiology research associate professor, were named Fellows of the Society and were elected secretary/treasurer of the STVM.



OSU-Okmulgee faculty member **Mike Avant**, new Toyota Tundra owner, was amazed to be selected by an ad agency to appear in a Toyota ad. Ad agency execs, in tent at the upper left, came to Oklahoma to watch as Avant is filmed pulling the kind of sled a tractor pulls.

Bert Jacobson, professor and head of educational studies, is featured in the July Reader's Digest's lead story, "Back Pain Breakthroughs." Jacobson and his team conducted a study in 2006, partly sponsored by the International Sleep Products Association, that found that newer mattresses are often the answer for relief.

"Coverage of Recreational Therapy: The Rules and Regulations," a book by **Tim Passmore**, leisure studies assistant professor, is being published by The American Therapeutic Recreation Association and is scheduled for release in September.

Mark Gavin, management associate professor and Carson Professor of Business Administration, was invited to join the editorial board of *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*.

New Gifts, Funds for Oklahoma State Programs, Scholarships

Several news gifts or funding for Oklahoma State University students or programs have been announced recently.

--An anonymous donation to the OSU-OKC Veterinary Technology Department enabled faculty to purchase a Vetronics EKG unit and a Cardell patient monitor that measures clinical parameters such as blood pressure, oxygen levels and heart rate. The department was also able to purchase several training models for canine venipuncture, tracheal intubation and urinary catheterization. A private donation from Dr. James Jorgensen, a Midwest City veterinarian, gifted the department with an ultrasound unit.

--Jill Holmes, retired OSU education librarian, recently provided a gift of \$2,000 to the College of Education and the College of Human Environmental Sciences to further endow the scholarship she established to honor her mother. She will now fund a scholarship in each college that will specifically serve to recruit freshman minority students to both colleges and will allow students to requalify annually for four years to assist them in staying in each college.

--OSU-Oklahoma City's Upward Bound program has received funding of \$339,381 for another four years with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The campus has hosted the program since the original grant was awarded in 1995. Bennie Boykin, OSU-OKC's Upward Bound director, wrote the original grant as well as the three succeeding ones. The new grant will serve 68 nine-12th graders

from Northwest Classen, Putnam City West and Western Heights High Schools who will benefit from college prep services that Upward Bound provides.

--The College of Education created a partnership with Eskimo Joe's to sell a

Teacher Recognition T-shirt. The COE and Stillwater Public Education Foundation have received \$5,500 from T-shirt sales that will be used to fund future teacher scholarships. Go to www.eskimojoes.com to purchase yours today.

Deaconess Establishes Nursing Scholarships

Deaconess Hospital Auxiliary has given OSU-Oklahoma City a contribution to provide need-based scholarships for licensed practical nurses and paramedics entering their third or fourth semester of the OSU-OKC nursing program. The contribution will establish the Deaconess Hospital Auxiliary Nursing Scholarship Fund at the OSU Foundation.

"Many scholarships are available only to the traditional nursing student. The Deaconess Scholarship Fund will be particularly beneficial in alleviating financial hardships for LPN and paramedic students by defraying the cost of tuition, textbooks and fees," said OSU-OKC Division Head of Health Services Linda Barren.

The gift was presented by Deaconess Auxiliary representatives Glenda Cotton, director of Volunteer Services, and Mabel Howard, chair of the Scholarship Committee.

The OSU-OKC nursing program offers advanced standing to licensed practical nurses and paramedics who want to become registered nurses. Paramedics must have a current paramedic state license, National Registry card and transcript or diploma from a paramedic program.

Students also must complete all required prerequisite courses and receive a passing score on written examinations. Successful completion of the course of study qualifies graduates to take the examination for registered nurse licensure.



The Department of Homeland Security recently appointed Dr. Lawrence Barrett as director of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center for two years. He received his veterinary degree from OSU in 1981 and has served as the center's interim director since October 2006. The Homeland Security Department is in the process of selecting a site to build a facility to replace the Plum Island Animal Disease Center.



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