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Message from Marlene Strathe

Oklahoma State University is coming off an excellent academic school year and I look forward to even more success in 2007-08. We are working hard to continue the upward climb in average entry ACT (now at 24.7), six-year graduation rate (nearly 60 percent) and other measurements.

We graduated more than 4,752 undergraduate and graduate students this past academic year on the Stillwater and Tulsa campuses, and of those, 41 completed their entire undergraduate work with perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Across all classes, a total of 357 undergraduates maintained 4.0 overall GPAs. A total of 78 graduates received Honors College Degrees during the 2006-07 academic year.

OSU students also grabbed several of the nation's top scholarships this past year, including the university's first Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship, the university's 14th Truman Scholarship, two Morris K. Udall Scholarships, a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, a Fulbright Grant, a Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Scholarship, and Oklahoma's first Jacob K. Javits Fellowship.

I am delighted that OSU student-athletes completed a record-setting academic year, continuing to be outstanding representatives of OSU in the classroom as well as in their sport. OSU had 101 Academic All-Big 12 selections, 24 Academic All-Americans or National Scholar Athlete selections, eight sports selected All-Academic Teams, and 17 student athletes selected as Arthur Ashe Jr., Sports Scholars.

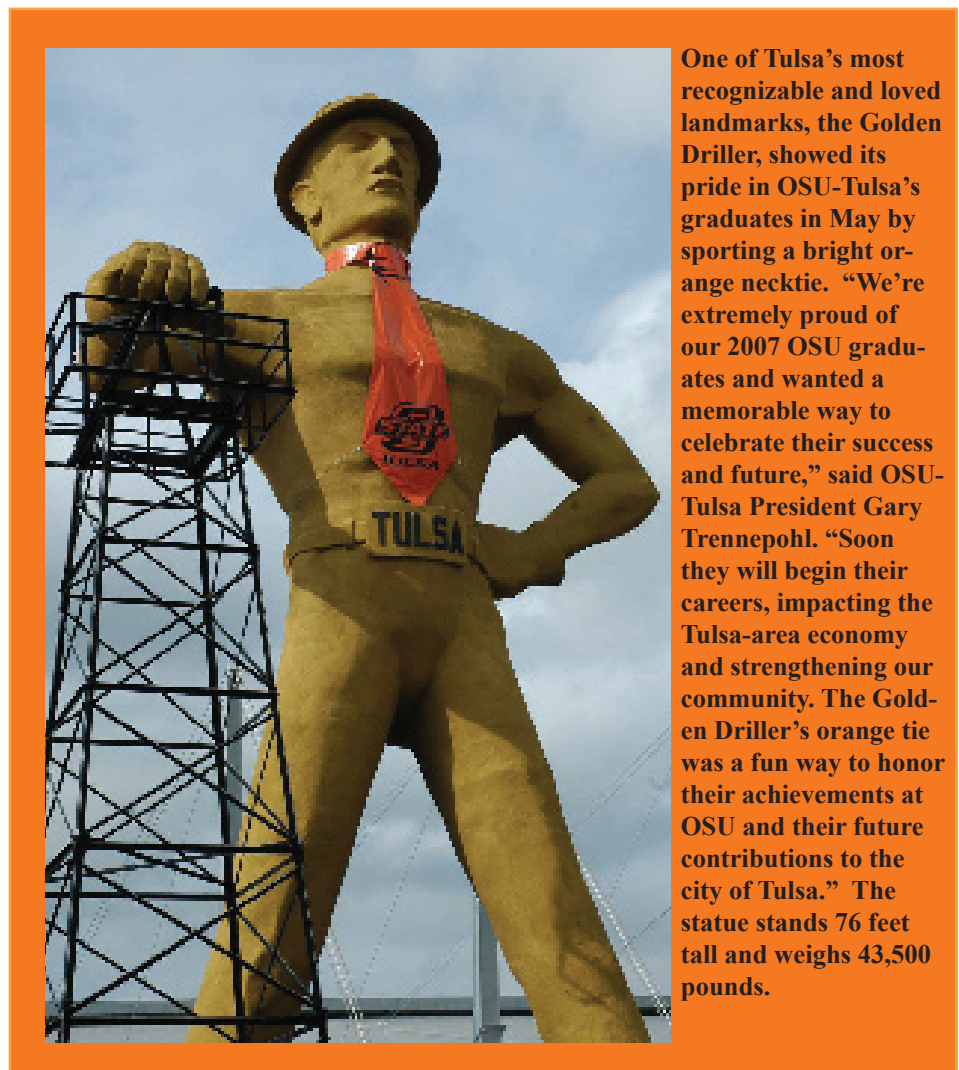
Summer orientation sessions are in full swing with capacity enrollment in most of our 30 freshman and transfer sessions. The evaluations received from parents and enrolling students are extremely positive about their orientation experience and they are enthusiastic about becoming a part of the OSU community.

It is anticipated, however, that OSU may experience an enrollment decline this fall

given the demographics of the high school graduating classes of the state. It will continue to be important to move our applicants to admits and, in turn, into enrollees and then to retain our students to degree completion.

The interactions that members of the entire OSU community have with prospective students are important. It is evident that this year's summer orientation programs are a very positive step toward welcoming our new students to OSU.

Finally, OSU has experienced a very successful year in the recruitment of new faculty. At the same time, a number of our senior level faculty and staff who have provided many years of service to OSU have elected to retire and bring their professional careers to a close. We want to thank them for the many positive contributions they have made to our university and to wish each of them the very best.



One of Tulsa's most recognizable and loved landmarks, the Golden Driller, showed its pride in OSU-Tulsa's graduates in May by sporting a bright orange necktie. "We're extremely proud of our 2007 OSU graduates and wanted a memorable way to celebrate their success and future," said OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl. "Soon they will begin their careers, impacting the Tulsa-area economy and strengthening our community. The Golden Driller's orange tie was a fun way to honor their achievements at OSU and their future contributions to the city of Tulsa." The statue stands 76 feet tall and weighs 43,500 pounds.



A firefighter is filmed for the training video talking with young children about fire safety.

FEMA Fire Safety Video Shot on Campus

Firemen and film crews descended on the Center for Early Childhood Teaching and Learning recently to film a video to supplement “The Fire Safety for Young Children: An Early Childhood Curriculum.”

Firefighters from New Jersey, Arkansas and Ohio, selected for their acting skills, and children from Stillwater’s Will Rogers and Skyline Elementary School kindergarten classes, spent parts of three days filming a video that will enhance fire safety curriculum by providing a virtual classroom visit from a firefighter, a virtual visit to the fire station, interactive fire safety activities for young children and firefighters reading fire safety stories to young children. It also will be used to train firefighters on how to do an appropriate classroom visit and how to conduct visits to the fire station.

The project is part of a grant funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The partnership with OSU Fire Protection and Human Development and Family Science early childhood education is in its third year.

Five Faculty Members Receive OCAST Awards

Five OSU instructors were among 30 in the state whose public health research projects will benefit from \$4 million in funding over the next three years by The Oklahoma Center for Science and Technology.

OSU researchers and their projects are: Amanda Harrist, human development and family science associate professor, will collect long-term health and psychosocial data on a large sample of Oklahoma’s rural children to better understand developmental causes of childhood obesity.

Jay Hanan, mechanical and aerospace engineering assistant professor, will conduct research to develop a new generation of more durable dental crowns that will reduce visits for replacement and repair.

Wouter Hoff, microbiology and molecular genetics associate professor, will use a novel approach to obtain fundamental information on “cell signaling” required for the development of new therapeutic strategies against cancer.

Goulong Zhang, animal science assistant professor, will study a newly identified small intestinal protein and its potential as a therapeutic agent for treatment of Crohn’s disease.

Nedra Wilson, OSU Center for Health Sciences, will study the regulation of

flagellar assembly in green algae to get insights into the defects in ciliary assembly that result in human disease.

The OCAST health research program is to strengthen competitiveness and attract national funds for Oklahoma health researchers, recruit and retain outstanding health research scientists, improve health care for Oklahomans and strengthen the state’s health care industry. OCAST-funded research investigates the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of human diseases and disabilities, and facilitates the development of innovative health care products and services.



Six science fair winners from Sasakwa Public School, Oklahoma’s only NASA Explorer School, were on campus recently to explore academic opportunities at OSU for careers in aerospace. They also visited the OSU Flight Center and got to fly with the award-winning OSU Flying Aggies.

Ten Honored for service to Edmon Low Library

Ten people were honored for service to OSU’s Edmon Low Library by being named in “The 100 Oklahoma Library Legends,” part of the Oklahoma Library Association’s Oklahoma centennial celebration.

Honored are Cora Miltimore, the first full-time head librarian; Elsie Hand, head librari-

an from 1921-33; Edmon Low, 1940-67, head of the library that bears his name; Della Thomas, who helped create the Mary L. Williams Curriculum Materials Library; Roscoe Rouse Jr., who led the library to lead the state in using computers in everyday operations; and Edward Johnson, who established the Friends of the OSU Library and the University Library Advisory Committee, and replaced card catalogs with automated information storage systems.

Also named were Ken Bierman, former assistant librarian who implemented an advanced automation method for many public and private libraries; Vicki Phillips, OSU library faculty member who has held numerous state and national offices, and her husband, John Phillips, head of government documents, a founding member and former chair of the Patent Depository Library Association; and Peggy Helmerich, whose support of the OSU Library includes serving in the “Bringing Dreams to Life” campaign and on the Friends of the OSU Library executive committee.

OSU-Okmulgee Chrysler Automotive Program student Matt Zimney, Owasso; John Prior, Chrysler faculty; student Matt Harkness, Towner, Colo.; and student Marquis Cloud, Clinton, Mo., helped unwrap the 1957 Plymouth Belvedere during a live television broadcast after it was unearthed during the Tulsarama Event held June 15 in celebration of the Oklahoma Centennial.





Tim O'Neil

O'Neil Named State's First Javits Fellow

OSU senior Tim O'Neil has been named the university's first—and Oklahoma's first—Jacob K. Javits Fellow, the nation's premier humanities fellowship.

The Del City native thought he was a long-shot to win the coveted fellowship, and after the notification deadline passed, prepared to graduate and get his alternative certification to teach English.

"I want to teach, whether on the high school or collegiate level. I want to be in education and I want to be in education in Oklahoma," he said.

The Jacob K. Javits Fellowship is administered by the U.S. Department of Education. A panel of experts appointed by the Javits Fellowship Board selects as Fellows academically superior students who want to study at the master's or doctoral level in the arts, humanities or social sciences.

For the 2006 fiscal year, the institutional payment was more than \$12,000 and the maximum stipend was \$30,000. Javits Fellows receive the funds annually for up to four years or the completion of the degree.

"The Javits allows you to go anywhere in the U.S. and is the ideal award for the humanities," he said. "It pretty much is the top humanities award in the nation."

O'Neil excelled at OSU, receiving three Honors College degrees in May in which he had to do three theses—one in political science, one in history and one in English.

The common theme of his three majors, he said, is American culture. "I'm very interested in culture, from politics to literature to history," he said. "While my focus is American literature, I go at it from an historical perspective and a political perspective."

He plans to enter the master's program in English at OSU this fall.

OSU-OKC Breaks Ground on Training Center

OSU-Oklahoma City broke ground on May 31 on its new Public Safety Training Center that will accommodate its growing human services degree programs.

The ceremony was hosted by OSU-OKC President Jerry Carroll. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Jr. and Lisa Dillon, OSU-OKC Human Services division head, were among the guest speakers.

The center, due for completion in 2008, is a 22,000 square-foot building that will house the Precision Driving Training Center, the Early Care Education Department and the new Emergency Responder

Administration bachelor of technology degree program offices and classrooms.

The new building is needed due to increased enrollment in existing programs and the new bachelor of technology in emergency responder administration degree, which will be one of only six bachelor's programs of this type in the nation.

The total cost of the PSTC will be \$3.5 million. Capital bond money from the Oklahoma Higher Education Promise Act of 2005 will provide \$2.57 million of the project's funding.



OSU-OKC officials and dignitaries breaking ground on the new Public Safety Training Center were OSU-OKC Human Services Division Head Lisa Dillon, Vice President of Finance and Operations Jerry Brooks, President Jerry Carroll, OSHRE Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and OSU Director of Architectural Services Arlene Lanman.

Ensley Chosen for Foreign Service Fellowship

Kyle Ensley, a Valliant international business and political science junior, is one of 20 college students in the nation selected to receive the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship. He is the second student from Oklahoma and the second from OSU to receive this fellowship.

Named after Thomas R. Pickering, a retired U.S. ambassador and one of the most distinguished diplomats of the 20th century, the fellowship prepares students for a career in the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service.

The Pickering Fellowship is awarded to talented students from across the nation pursuing studies in international affairs-related fields.

Ensley will report for an orientation in Washington, D.C., this month, then next summer will start one of two internships for the State Department and attend a public policy institute. The fellowship will pay for his final two years of undergraduate studies plus two years of graduate school. It also guarantees Ensley a four-year position as a

Foreign Service officer with the State Department after he finishes graduate school.

Ensley hopes to attend Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and work in the management career track of the Foreign Service.

His interest in foreign relations began in the eighth grade when he traveled to Germany and visited the U.S. consulate in Munich, and his fascination for cultures, languages and international relations has continued to grow.



Kyle Ensley

OSU-Okmulgee Honor Society Receives National Recognition

OSU-Okmulgee's Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Beta Alpha Alpha, was named a "Top 100 Chapter" at the organization's annual international convention in Nashville. Members were cited for scholarship, campus and community service, leadership development and fellowship with students outside of the chapter.

Steven Rubert, OSU-Okmulgee's activities coordinator, said members established a program to read to OSU-Okmulgee Child-care Center children; hosted "Music on the Square" for Keep America Beautiful; chaired the Relay for Life team; held campus and community clean-up days; took part in three OSU-Okmulgee's Student Life Leadership Programs; and attended the Oklahoma State Regents Leadership Development Retreat.

Students who attended the convention were Marci Lyn Hardesty, Glenpool, culinary arts, chapter president; Charles Young, Morris, drafting; Kent Morrow, Schuller, manufacturing/design drafting; and Karla LaMunyan, Okmulgee, information technologies.



Some of the members of OSU-Okmulgee's Phi Theta Kappa honor society and international officers proudly show the trophy earned at the international convention.

Margee Edwards, Texarkana, Ark., nutritional sciences junior, was named the College of Human Environmental Sciences Outstanding Student for 2007-08. **Sarah Ruoff**, a gerontology master's student, was named the Outstanding Master's Student, and **Hae Jin Gam**, Seoul, Korea, Ph.D. student in design, housing and merchandising, was named the Outstanding Ph.D. Student.

Carrie Highfill, Enid food science sophomore, was inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame at the 86th State 4-H Roundup that took place at OSU. This is the highest award 4-H'ers can achieve at the state level.

Finance doctoral candidate **Stephen Treanor** was invited to present his paper "Implicit Contract Modification or Wealth Expropriation: Evidence from Pension Terminations and Cash Balance Conversions" at the Netspar Pension Workshop at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. The paper is co-authored with Joel Harper, finance associate professor. Netspar also provided funding for Treanor's participation in the pension workshop.

Matt Stiner, Truman Scholar and OSU-Tulsa political science senior, and **Lori McKinnon**, OSU-Tulsa public relations associate professor, were named to Tulsa-People Magazine's "Forty Under 40" list for their contributions to Tulsa.

Destanie Sykes, Cedar Hill, Texas, design, housing and merchandising senior and OSU basketball player, was named a 2007 Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar.

College of Arts and Sciences Top Ten Seniors for 2007 are **Dana Beck**, Broken Arrow, psychology; **Kristen Dmytryk**, Norman, applied sociology and psychology; **Joshua Dodson**, Stillwater, history; **Evan Fitz**, Lawton, film studies; **Kara Hahn**, Goddard, Kan., public relations; **Sarah Haynes**, McLoud, management and psychology; **Candice Howell**, Nowata, psychology; **Amber Stangl**, Clinton, American studies; **Megan Stewart**, Enid, public relations; and **Natalie Trent**, Spiro, applied physics. Haynes also received the Kenny Gallagher Award, which is given to the top senior in the college.



Courtesy of Valleycrest Productions, Ltd.

Laura Seide, a May elementary education graduate from Oklahoma City, was a contestant on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" on May 17. Her mother accompanied her to New York City and fiancé **Tim O'Neil** stayed home as a potential phone-a-friend.

Combined efforts raise \$120,896

Students Named Top Callers

OSU Foundation recognized Chesley Hoselton of El Reno, Candace McCreary of Idabel and Sydney Garner of Durant as the top three Cowboy Callers for the 2006-07 school year after their combined efforts resulted in raising \$120,896 to benefit university programs and students. Combined efforts of Cowboy Callers raised nearly \$900,000 for the year.

Overall, \$880,583 was raised in fiscal year 2006 by nearly 50 student callers who contacted more than 28,000 alumni and friends who played a significant role in OSU's annual giving efforts. Ten months a year, five days a week, OSU students work to raise funds for the university through academic and financial student support. Future OSU students will see the results of these collective efforts for many years to come.

Thirteen students in Residential Life were named recipients of **Leader-Scholar Awards**: Zachary Hager, Edmond; Amanda Moore, Ponca City; Melissa Morie, Broken Arrow; Jasey Allcorn, Inola; Starla Blackwell, Oklahoma City; Matt Fowler, Duncan; Angela Baker, Oklahoma City; Devin Gerrior, Oologah; Shrishti Chhabra, Bombay, India; Tara Voth, Purcell; Gabrielle Curtis, Missouri City, Texas; Shaler Tate, El Reno; and David Adams, Garden City, Kan.

Bradley Russell Mons, D.O./M.B.A., is the first OSU medical student to complete a master's degree in business administration from the OSU William S. Spears School of Business as part of medical school. Mons was the first to enroll in and is the first to complete the dual degree program.

Christie Fuller, Hays, Kan., management science and information systems Ph.D. candidate, received a grant of \$15,000 from the Defense Academy of Credibility Assessment (formerly known as the DoD Polygraph Institute) to support her research in text-based deception detection.

Blue Key Members Work on Relationships With Mexico Campuses

Four members of Blue Key Honor Society traveled to Mexico to help strengthen the relationship between OSU and students at two Mexican universities—the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla and the Universidad de las Américas.

They spent seven days and nights in different locations, including an indigenous village outside of Puebla.

“It was an incredible experience for all of us,” said Matt Givens, OSU Blue Key president from Oklahoma City. “Our student counterparts at UDLA were very eager to establish a strong connection with our group and future OSU students.”

In addition to Givens, the rest of the OSU group included Aarash Ghajar, Stillwater; Allison Ford, Ponca City; and Tyler Schooley, Enid. All four students graduated from OSU in May with bachelor’s degrees from the William S. Spears School of Business.

The trip was sponsored by Blue Key, OSU Student Government Association, the President’s Office and the OSU Department of International Education and Outreach.



OSU Blue Key members Aarash Ghajar, Allison Ford, Matt Givens and Tyler Schooley spent time with a family from San Cristobal Xochimilpa in the indigenous Mexican village as part of their recent goodwill trip to the interior of Mexico.

Okmulgee Students Win Awards at Graphex 38

OSU-Okmulgee students won three out of 10 awards at the Graphex 38 competition, according to James McCullough, graphic design instructor.

April graduate Nate Olsen won the judges’ choice award, which was a \$1,200 prize, and also won the best portfolio award out of 72 portfolios entered.

Jeff Gordon won best advertisement award and Tabitha Smith won honorable mention for illustration.

The regional design competition is for professionals, and well-known designers

from other states serve as judges.

McCullough said all his students want to win an award at the Graphex competition because it gives them recognition among the industry professionals that will help them land outstanding positions with key firms after they graduate.

The design work from Graphex 38 is currently on display for public viewing in OSU-Okmulgee’s Student Union in the Conoco Gallery. The Gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from June 15–Aug. 1.

College of Human Environmental Sciences 2007 Seniors of Excellence are **Amanda Williams**, Tulsa, child and family services; **Kalyn McAlister**, Edmond, child and family services; **Melissa Burden**, Ada, nutritional sciences; **Kristin McDougal**, Edmond, child and family services; **Tessa Boehs**, Fairview, hotel and restaurant administration; **Nicole Moore**, Stillwater, child and family services; **Jessica Thomson**, Tulsa, design, housing and merchandising; **Lindsey Schaefer**, Edmond, nutritional sciences; and **Ruth Coady**, North Newton, Kan., apparel design and construction.

Nineteen OSU-OKC students and horticulture volunteers traveled to Costa Rica for nine days in May to study the ecology and conservation of the rainforest. Students planted trees in a re-forestation preserve, visited national preservations and studied indigenous plants of Central America. They were accompanied by Julia Laughlin, OSU-OKC associate professor and Horticulture Department head.

Shea Alexander, Midwest City master’s student in design, housing and merchandising, received the Design Excellence award from the American Quilters Association in Paducah, Ken.

Veterinary students **Sarah Currie** and **Sharla Birch** organized 15 veterinary teams for Neighborhood Neuter. Interns, residents and faculty assisted in the Junior Surgery Laboratory in April to spay/neuter shelter dogs from neighboring communities. Nestle Purina donated \$2,000 to help cover medical supply costs.

Biosystems and agricultural engineering students placed fifth out of 35 teams in the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers’ tenth annual International 1/4 Scale Tractor Student Design Competition June 1-3 in Peoria, Ill.

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

Eighteen College of Arts and Sciences students received **Bailey Family Memorial Trust Scholarships** to study abroad. Students and their destinations are Laura Ahern (Spain), Jimikaye Beck (Spain), Evan Black (Argentina), Amanda Burk (Costa Rica), Jessica DuBois (Spain), Chelsea Dudek (Spain), Dena Dunkerson (Mexico), Joseph Dvorak (Germany), Sarah Haynes (Argentina), Andrew Moore (Spain), Kristen Orr (England), Lindsey Rogers (Spain), Katie Skelton (England), Emily Speed (France), Emily Stevens (Spain), Danielle Ventle (France), Chelsea Weber (Spain), and Daniel Williams (Morocco).

Lauren Simmons (tennis), Laguna Niguel, Calif., ’07 history, and **Darnell Smith**, (football), fall ’06 economics, now a graduate student, were named Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year. Basketball players **Rashidat Sadiq**, Freeport, N.Y., ’07 education, and **James On Curry**, Burlington, N.C., education junior, received the 2006 Nate Fleming Academic Effort & Improvement Scholarships.

Meek, Miller Receive Regents Awards

William D. Meek, anatomy professor and vice chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, received the Regents 2007 Distinguished Teaching Award at the OSU Center for Health Sciences. This is an annual award for unusually significant and meritorious achievement in the instruction of students as evidenced by quality classroom learning experience, high scholarly standards, direct impact upon and involvement with students, and serving as a mentor or role model to other faculty.

Kenneth E. Miller, associate professor of anatomy and cell biology, received the Regents 2007 Distinguished Research Award for outstanding and meritorious achievements in research, a distinguished record of past and continuing excellence in research, along with national and international recognition. His research has revolved around pain and spinal cord injury, particularly in regard to glutamate metabolism. He discovered that sensory nerve endings during chronic inflammation have immense amounts of glutamate. Blocking glutamate production in these nerve endings provides for long-lasting pain relief.



Faye Richardson, right, received the annual 2007 OSU Library Outstanding Employee Award. Congratulating her is Ann Halligan, member-at-large on the Friends of the OSU Library board of directors.

Richardson Named Outstanding Employee

Faye Richardson of the documents department recently won the 2007 OSU Library Outstanding Employee Award.

She began in the documents department in July 1988, one week after turning 50.

"I don't think of it as work," said Richardson. "It's always been fun."

This award is presented annually to an employee who best exemplifies the standard of excellence at OSU. Richardson received a \$500 award donated by the Friends of the OSU Library.



Team OSU-OKC had more than 300 walkers participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes, June 2, at the Oklahoma City Zoo. The campus raised over \$2,600 to help find a cure. This was the third year for OSU-OKC to participate.

Communications Faculty Cited for Teaching

Two communications faculty at OSU—Okmulgee were recognized recently for their creative approaches to communications classes.

Maria Christian won a Great Ideas for Teaching award from the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges for her approach to essay writing and Susan Dameron-Cox won a first place award at

the OSU Research Symposium for her innovations with adult readers.

Christian asked her Freshman Composition I students to write definition essays that reflect their knowledge of both the denotation and the connotation of words, using their own snig'let, and write a definition essay about their invented word.

Dameron-Cox designs student reading assignments around popular culture topics to engage their interest, using popular culture as a springboard for students to learn about other types of literature and to develop critical thinking skills.



Susan Dameron-Cox



Maria Christian

Slaughter Awarded CAREER Grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded a CAREER grant to LeGrande Slaughter, chemistry assistant professor. The \$560,000 award, dispersed over five years, will support his educational and research activities.

His work is aimed at developing new catalysts for chemical synthesis, as well as creating an educational outreach program to introduce rural Oklahoma high school students to scientific research.



Slaughter



OSU-OKC has started a yoga program for toddlers at its Child Development Center. Parents are reporting that their children take the yoga home with them -- stretching and using yoga positions as a coping mechanism when they get upset.

High School Students Learn about Ag Degrees

The Retired Educators for Youth Agricultural Programs again partnered with OSU to present a summer institute for minority high school students on the Stillwater campus.

The 2007 REYAP Agriculture Science and Technology Institute emphasized the importance of science and math study and introduced about 50 students from state high schools to agricultural degree and career options. Students will take what they've learned and spend the rest of the year completing science projects that will be the basis for entries in REYAP contests in Oklahoma.

Ramesh Rao, Wise Professor of Finance, was invited to conduct a one-day workshop on corporate governance in May at the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

“Stalking the Paparazzi: A View from a Different View,” a research paper by **Ray Murray**, news/editorial assistant professor, was selected the top faculty paper in the U.S. by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Nicholas Romano, OSU-Tulsa management science and information systems assistant professor, was elected Region 1 representative for the Association for Information Systems, a national association for academics specializing in information systems.

Alex Bishop, human development and family science assistant professor, and **Janice Hermann**, nutritional sciences professor, were awarded the Donna Cadwaladar Research and Development Grant for “Healthy Aging in Rural Oklahoma.”

Lonny Nelson, senior admissions officer at OSU-OKC and 1st Lieutenant in the Army National Guard, was deployed to Greensburg, Kan., to assist with tornado relief. OSU-OKC is proud of Nelson and thankful for his service in the military.

Jean Van Delinder, sociology associate professor, was invited to serve a three-year term on the National Screening Committee for Fulbright-Hays Scholarships, which reviews applications for study in India. The organizing body is the Institute of International Education based in New York.

Mahdi Asgari, mathematics assistant professor, received a Humboldt Research Fellowship to spend three consecutive summers on a research project in Germany. His stay begins this summer at the University of Bonn.

Tammy Henderson, human development and family science associate professor and Gerontology Institute director, has been invited to present research from the Katrina disaster at two conferences in Kampala, Uganda--at the International Workshop on Natural and Human-induced Hazards and Disasters in Africa, and at the International Conference on the East African Rift System.

“Corporate Governance, Board Diversity, and Firm Value,” a 2003 article by finance faculty **David A. Carter**, **Betty J. Simkins** and **W. Gary Simpson**, published by *The Financial Review*, is listed on the journal’s Web site as the most cited article during the last three years and the eighth-most downloaded *Financial Review* article over the past 12 months.

Lloyd Caldwell, theater assistant professor, is working as stunt coordinator on “Unsolved,” an independent film directed by Lance McDaniel and “Children of the Corn” producer Fritz Kitsh. He also is teaching this summer at the British Academy of Dramatic Combat at Atlantic College in Wales, where three OSU students are attending, and at RC-Anne, a stunt-training company in London.

Linda Barren, OSU-OKC Nurse Science Division head, was selected an ambassador for the National League for Nursing. The program ensures that faculty and educational leaders in nursing schools are kept informed about NLN’s programs, grant opportunities and member involvement initiatives.

PGA Professional Pat Jenkins is coming to Stillwater in September to teach an eight-week course titled “Golf: For Business and Life” for the College of Education.

James Breazile, physiological sciences professor, has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Scientific Reviewers for the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*.

Debbie Crow, OSU-OKC nurse science associate professor, passed the Certified Nurse Educator exam, a certification program that recognizes excellence in the advanced specialty role of the academic nurse educator.

Thomas Lanners, piano professor, recently recorded a CD on the Centaur label titled “Ned Rorem: The Three Piano Sonatas.” He is the first pianist ever to record all of these works by Rorem, the Pulitzer Prize-winning American composer, on one disc. He received major funding for the project from the Aaron Copland Fund for Music Recording in New York City. The CD is available for purchase on online sites and in record stores in larger cities.

Edralin Lucas, nutritional sciences assistant professor, has been notified the USDA has accepted his proposal for research on the effects of bitter melon on inflammation and cardiovascular disease. The grant is for \$300,000 and will run for two years.

C.J. Frederick, OSU-OKC Mathematics Department head, was invited to be on the Houghton Mifflin Mathematics Technology Advisory Board, which communicates with educators through conference calls and Web conferences. She was chosen because of her advanced use of technology in the classroom.

More than 100 Tulsa area Girl Scouts received free physical exams at OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine. Family medicine associate professor **W. Steven Eddy, D.O., M.P.H.**, organized the event that is now in its 12th year. OSU medical students, residents and family practice physicians volunteered to give exams.

Jami Fullerton, OSU-Tulsa journalism and broadcasting associate professor, has been named the Headliner Award winner for 2007 by the Association for Women in Communications. Past award winners include Barbara Walters, Helen Thomas, Katharine Graham and Rita Crosby.

Craig Wallace, management assistant professor, was elected to a three-year term on the *Personnel Psychology* editorial board, the leading journal for human resource management.

Anita Showalter, D.O., obstetrics and gynecology chair and assistant professor at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, received the Distinguished Fellow award from the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the highest award the organization confers on its members.

Jesse Mendez, educational studies assistant professor, will serve as president of the Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association for 2007-08.

Jason Pogue, senior financial adviser, Office of Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer, received the Murray-Gray Unit Service Award in fostering the mission of the Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at OSU.

OSU Foundation Reports New Gifts

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

-- OSU's College of Education received the largest gift in its history from '93 aviation alumnus Steve Birch of Stratford, Conn., who pledged \$2.5 million to endow faculty positions in teacher education and aviation education. The gift is eligible for an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education match to fund chairs, providing a total gift of \$5 million. Birch concentrated on entrepreneurial business ventures in aviation and joined Aduromed in 2003 as vice president of business development. Dean Pamela Fry said the endowment will strengthen OSU's initiatives for recognition as one of the top education colleges in the nation and will transform the college.



Steve Birch, center, gave the College of Education its largest gift in history. He praised his mentors, Steve Marks, professor of aviation sciences, and COE Hall of Fame alumna Nancy O'Donnell.

-- The Sherman Smith family pledged \$1.5 million to establish the Sherman Smith Family Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide full-tuition scholarships in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology. Scholarships will be

administered under the Dean Karl Reid CEAT Scholars Program, which prepares select engineering students for business and community leadership. Smith joined SerDrilco Inc., an independent oil and gas company, in 1949 after earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

-- OSU received gifts totaling more than \$282,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation, presented by Don Humphreys, ExxonMobil senior vice president and treasurer and '71 OSU engineering alumnus. ExxonMobil's Matching Gift program matches gifts to higher education on a 3-to-1 basis. Funds to OSU this year will support scholarships, program development, lecture series, graduate studies, equipment purchases, career services, multicultural development and other academic projects.

-- The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences received a \$100,000 gift from the Bernice Barbour Foundation to fund a community spay-neuter program for shelter animals. The donation will help ensure that senior veterinary students receive more extensive surgical experience before graduating and the increased funding will allow them to serve more animals in surrounding communities.

-- The Kirkpatrick Foundation gave the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences \$200,000 to upgrade the Small Animal Critical Care Unit. The overall project cost is estimated at \$350,000, and once the additional \$150,000 is raised, the upgrade will renovate the 1,205 square-foot CCU, update equipment and provide videoconferencing to veterinary practitioners and veterinary technician programs.

Miss Indian Oklahoma 2007



Jessica Moore, a Fairfax landscape architecture senior representing the Osage Nation, was crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma on April 2 by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women Organization. Moore, an Osage, Pawnee, Otoe and Sac & Fox, will represent all Indian people of Oklahoma throughout the year.

Princeton Review Lists OSU as Best Value

The Princeton Review has listed OSU as one of the nation's 90 best value public undergraduate institutions in "America's Best Value Colleges" for 2007.

Schools were selected based on academics, tuition GPA (sticker price minus average amount students receive in scholarships and grants), financial aid (how well colleges meet students' financial need) and student borrowing.

The book includes three pages on OSU that explain categories and offer an overview of the university.



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