



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

March 2007

## Strathe assumes duties as interim OSU president

OSU Provost and Senior Vice President Dr. Marlene I. Strathe is serving as interim System CEO and President of Oklahoma State University from March 1 until a new president assumes office.

The nine-member OSU/A&M Board of Regents held a special session Feb. 21 to discuss a transitional plan following the Feb. 17 announcement that OSU President and System CEO David J. Schmidly had been named the next president of the University of New Mexico.

"We are very pleased Dr. Strathe has agreed to serve in this capacity. She is an accomplished scholar and administrator, and she is very familiar with the OSU community," said Joe D. Hall, chair of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents. "It is

important during leadership transition that we remain committed to pursuing the priorities of importance to OSU and the System and that we sustain continuity and momentum. We have complete confidence in Dr. Strathe's abilities to provide excel-

lent leadership during this transitional period and we are also confident in the faculty and staff to continue fulfilling their important roles."

Dr. Strathe joined OSU as Provost and Senior Vice President in July of 2003. As interim president and CEO, she will be responsible for OSU campuses in Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Okmulgee, as well as the OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa.

"I look forward to working with the Regents and the broad OSU community during this time and I appreciate the confidence they have shown by naming me the interim President and CEO of the System," Dr. Strathe said.



Dr. Strathe

## 2007 OSU Research Week Showcases Accomplishments

Dedicated to the arts, humanities and sciences, the 2007 OSU Research Week had broad appeal and featured speakers from around the nation. A record number of faculty and students participated, according to Dr. Stephen McKeever, vice president for research and technology transfer.

"Research Week continues to gain momentum each year with greater participation and higher profile speakers drawing larger, more engaged crowds," said McKeever. "We accomplished what we set out to do by offering a wide variety of activities associated with the arts, humanities and research for our many audiences, and by highlighting OSU's research and scholarly accomplishments."



Dr. Stacy Benson, chemistry assistant professor, and presenter Kinyi Peng, listen to Niblack Research Scholar Brooke Washington, right, describe her poster.

Dr. Ranga Komanduri, Regents Professor and A.H. Nelson, Jr. Endowed Chair in Engineering, talked on successful collaborative research, citing his research involving EKG analysis for identifying cardiac disorders with medical professors at OSU-CHS and OSU-Stillwater.



Drs. Joe Alexander and Stephen McKeever kick off research activities by reading Gov. Brad Henry's proclamation declaring the week as OSU Research Week.

Hundreds of people attended the lecture of Dr. Frank Wilczek, 2004 Nobel Laureate in Physics and Herman Feshbach Professor at MIT, who spoke on "The Universe is a Strange Place." One of the world's most eminent theoretical physicists, he received the Nobel Prize for work he did as a graduate student at Princeton.

Dr. Steven C. Price, assistant vice president, Office of Intellectual Property Management, handed out patent and license

awards to research faculty.

Dr. Abel Julio González, senior adviser, Nuclear Regulatory Authority, Argentine government, told a full house about the role he played in the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the IAEA, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog. He directed radiation safety at the agency for two decades and shared in the Nobel Prize awarded to the IAEA for their efforts to prevent nuclear energy from being used for military purposes and to ensure nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is used in the safest possible way.

Gardiner Art Gallery presented "Navigating the Mind: Psychological Themes in Work," the University Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Symphonic Band performed and Julius Caesar took the stage at the OSU Theatre.



Theoretical physicist Dr. Frank Wilczek showed our universe is a strange place.

## Sir Pendry to Speak On Cloaking Device

Sir John Pendry, one of the world's leading physicists, will speak about his work in developing a cloaking device on March 9 at 7 p.m. in the ConocoPhillips Alumni Center.

A small prototype of the invisibility cloak was built and demonstrated in America by a team of Pendry's colleagues from the U.S. and Great Britain.

New materials that can grab electromagnetic radiation and smoothly deflect it around an object are expected to help scientists ultimately succeed in making objects or people invisible.

Pendry's visit is sponsored by the DaVinci Institute, a private partnership of Oklahoma higher education leaders who seek to promote the arts, sciences, humanities and education in Oklahoma in the 21st Century.

## Medical Center Approved For Improvement Projects

The Oklahoma State University Medical Authority approved \$10.6 million in phase I capital improvement projects for the OSU Medical Center.

The projects, scheduled for completion by July 2008, include enhancements and/or expansions to residency program space, labor and delivery/NICU, operating rooms, and the emergency department.

Funding for the projects will come from the \$40 million appropriation approved in 2006 by the state legislature. The improvement projects for residency programs will directly and positively impact the number and quality of physicians serving Oklahoma patients, officials said.



Both the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission commended the OSU-Okmulgee's revised program



Dr. Larry Ellis, Dr. Jo Ann Ryan and Pistol Pete.

## OSU mobile telemedicine clinic ready to roll

OSU telemedicine reached a milestone with delivery of the OSU-CHS mobile telemedicine clinic.

As the distinct OSU bus travels the state, a larger than life Dr. Pete emblazoned on its side brings a familiar face to health and specialty care for rural and medically under-served Oklahoma.

With its exam room and telemedicine capabilities, the bus serves as a clinic for family medicine and specialty procedures, an emergency room, and a disaster recovery facility.

Using the telemedicine and distance learning networks, it connects with facilities and physicians to provide general and specialty care, specialty procedures and screenings.

Rural hospitals and clinics can offer care from specialists in far-away offices, no travel required. The mobile clinic brings services to locations that cannot support full-time specialty care, making it possible for patients to get the care they need without leaving home.

## State's Top Cops Honored at OSU-Tulsa

Representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the state took part in the 14th Annual Buckledown Awards

in the OSU-Tulsa auditorium last month where Oklahoma's top police officers were recognized for saving hundreds of lives.

## OSU-Okmulgee's Nursing Program Revamped

OSU-Okmulgee won the approval of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for its revamped nursing program, which included improvements to the curriculum and admission process for this semester.

The new curriculum changes meet the needs for more nursing students, and the new admissions process integrates GPA, courses completed and community leadership as criteria to admit students, which is important since only 20 positions are available in each entering class and there are consistently 75 to 100 applicants.

Awards also were given to officers for exceptional work in traffic safety, impaired driving and occupant protection and child safety.

Presenters included Kevin Ward, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety commissioner; Kaye Statton, Governor's Highway Safety representative; and Dr. Steven Katsis, medical director of Trauma Services at Saint Francis Hospital.

The event was sponsored by State Farm Insurance Companies, Saint Francis Hospital, Tulsa Safe Kids Coalition, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Oklahoma State University-Tulsa.

## “We Are Who We Were” Exhibit Open Until April 6

OSU-Oklahoma City invites the public to visit “We Are Who We Were,” an interactive exhibit offering artifacts, tribal music, photographic images, Indian art and oral histories from the tribes of Oklahoma. It is on loan from the Oklahoma Museum of History of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The free exhibit can be viewed until April 6 at the OSU-OKC Learning Resource Center in the third floor library.

Representing all 39 American Indian tribes currently associated with Oklahoma, the interactive exhibit allows visitors to explore the traditional historic past of Oklahoma’s native peoples and experience contemporary Indian cultures.



OSU-OKC students check out the interactive exhibit “We Are Who We Were,” now showcased at the OSU-OKC Learning Resource Center. The exhibit is open to the public and will be up through April 6.

## OSU-Tulsa Moves Toward Smoke-Free Campus

OSU-Tulsa’s Board of Trustees has adopted a new policy that will significantly restrict smoking on campus starting later this semester.

The trustees said their intention is to promote a healthier and safer campus environment for students, employees and visitors. The restricted smoking areas will be the first step toward the campus becoming smoke-free.

OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl said he applauds the proactive nature of the board and will work with university officials to implement the directive. He



Artist rendition of the Agriculture Resource Center,

## OSU-OKC Breaks Ground for Ag Center

OSU-Oklahoma City recently broke ground on its new 33,000 square foot Agriculture Resource Center, which will pro-

vide space for the expansion of programs that also highlight urban agriculture.

The ceremony was hosted by OSU-OKC President Dr. Jerry Carroll. Guest speakers included OSU System CEO and President Dr. David Schmidly, OSU-OKC Agriculture Division Head Dave Edwards, and Christian K. Keese, grandson of John E. Kirkpatrick.

The \$1 million gift that fulfills a pledge from John E. Kirkpatrick toward a new Agriculture Resource Center is the largest one-time private gift in OSU-OKC history. It will house horticulture, agriculture and veterinary classes on the OSU-OKC campus.

The building will become operational in the spring of 2008. The new center will help house thriving classes, particularly in “urban agriculture” – an emerging field of study that expands traditional agriculture to activities for an urban lifestyle such as floral design and turf grass management.

## Centennial Style Show Set for Old Central

The Oklahoma Historical Society and the OSU Student Union Activities Board will host a 1907 Centennial clothing seminar and style show on March 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. in Historical Old Central.

Most people think Oklahomans wore nothing but prairie dresses and farm clothing, according to Linda Smith, Oklahoma Museum of Higher Education director, but that was far from true.

“When one looks at photos of Oklahoma from this time period, we see people who were dressed very fashionably,” she said.

## OSU-Tulsa Considers On-Campus Housing

An independent consulting firm has released a report recommending that OSU-Tulsa consider building campus housing within the next few years.

The firm’s study found that 45 percent of student respondents currently live in rental properties and are extremely or somewhat interested in campus housing.

MGT of America also analyzed three housing options and recommended constructing 200 condo-style units with a choice of one or two bedrooms. The location for the residential area is under evaluation with more than 200 acres available for the expansion.

Board members and university officials will review the consultant’s report and conduct further analysis over the next few months before making any decisions.

said the efforts are part of the OSU System goal to make OSU “America’s healthiest university.”

The changes, which will be phased in over the next six to eight weeks, will include educating people about the new policy and limiting the number of designated smoking areas.

The university is building covered smoking shelters that are scheduled to be constructed over the next two months. Once completed, smoking and tobacco use on campus will be limited to those freestanding shelters.



ABC's Extreme Makeover in Lawton was filled with orange when members of OSU's pep squad and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, including 21 students and student-athletes, joined Pistol Pete on the site of a home being built for Gene and Peggy Westbrook. The episode will air April 8 on area ABC affiliates.

## OSU Legacies Experience Campus Life

Forty-six OSU legacies and their families arrived in Stillwater on Feb. 16 and 17 for the OSU Alumni Association's Legacy Day Sneak Preview.

The students, all high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors, represented Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Colorado.

They were treated to campus tours,

sessions with Undergraduate Admissions, pizza at Hideaway and a game night at the Union.

They also were invited to stay over until Saturday for the award-winning Student Alumni Board Leadership Conference.

This was the third year for the event, which is a member benefit of the OSU Alumni Association.

\$500 **Lahoma Club Scholarships** went to Shannon Davis, Ripley human development and family services junior, Susan Hurt Willham Memorial Scholarship; Ambrosia Willoughby, Edmond cell and molecular biology junior, Maxine Kamm Memorial Scholarship; Dana Wolf, Owasso biological sciences senior, Ann Halligan Scholarship; Mandy Stricklin, Prague food science junior, Francis Boger Scholarship; and Jean Greene, Tulsa management senior, and Jim Miller, Bethany landscape and architecture senior, Lahoma Scholarships.

**Ambrosia Willoughby**, Edmond cell and molecular biology junior, and **Kimberly Washington**, Oklahoma City animal science junior, received \$500 Mercedier Cunningham Scholarships for scholastic achievements and extracurricular involvement.

Seven **OSU-OKC Vet Tech** sophomore students will attend the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas, a national continuing education conference with

one of the largest programs for veterinary technicians in the world.

**Yash Kandyala**, India graduate student in management information systems, received a scholarship to attend the DMEF Direct/Interactive Marketing Seminar in February in New York City.

The **Horticulture Judging Team** placed first overall at the 67th Annual Southern Region Association of Collegiate Branches Horticultural Commodity Judging Contest at Mobile, Ala., in February, and took third place for the Outstanding Collegiate Chapter. The team of Ellen Weatherholt, Laura McDonald, Annie Crockett and Matt Quirey took first place in greenhouse floral and foliage plants; second place in fruit and nuts; and third place in vegetable crops. In individual rankings, Weatherholt took first place overall, first place in woody ornamentals, and second place in greenhouse floral and foliage; McDonald took third place overall; and Crockett took first place in greenhouse floral and foliage.

## Africana Center Opens Jan. 25

An afternoon of events were held Jan. 25 at the Wes Watkins Center in Stillwater to commemorate the establishment of the OSU Center for Africana Studies and Development.

The center, which was the concept of OSU African Student Organization members, has received support from the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of International Studies.

Its establishment follows almost two years of discussions involving faculty, administrators and students and will help advance an initiative to start an interdisciplinary degree program in African studies at OSU, according to Billy Jivetti, ASO president and international studies graduate student from Kenya.

"This semester, Swahili is being taught as a foreign language, and we look forward to when the center can support additional courses as well as research and outreach on Africa," he said.



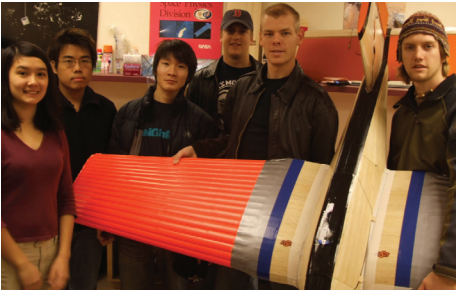
The MBA team of Michael Tapley, Tulsa; Jennifer Bruns, Morrison; Alyssa Heath, Tulsa; and Mary Nemcok, Blanchard, was selected as south division champion in the 2007 Big 12 MBA case competition.

**Tyler Waltman**, Bartlesville freshman clarinet major, was selected as a member of the 2007 National Wind Ensemble and will take part in the New York Residency program in May, which will culminate with a performance in Carnegie Hall.

**Matthew Beier**, Stillwater chemical engineering senior, vice chair of the OSU Student Government Associate Senate and Faculty Council Committee liaison, and Claire Carter, Norman interior design senior and president of the OSU SGA, took part in the 2007 Higher Education Day at the State Capitol on Feb. 27.

**Jamie Bone**, Tahlequah piano performance senior, took first place at the annual Oklahoma Music Teachers Association's collegiate audition competition in November, the second year in a row she has won.

OSU-Tulsa's **African-American Student Association** hosted "A Taste of Soul" on Feb. 20, which included samples of various soul food cuisines.



MAE students display their aircraft.

## Students to Test Inflatable Wing Aircraft in Colorado

An inflatable-wing aircraft designed by School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering students will be flight tested at 100,000 ft. in March over Colorado.

Funded by NASA and the Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium, the project is a collaboration with the University of Kentucky.

The high altitude flight is the first of several demonstrations of an unmanned aircraft technology NASA hopes to use for Mars probes and the Defense Department is eyeing for backpack drones.

Dr. Jamey Jacob, mechanical and aerospace engineering associate professor and the students' faculty adviser, conceived the project at UK to interest engineering students in NASA careers and has continued it since coming to OSU last fall.

In March, OSU medical students will pair with physicians to be "**Doctors of the Day**" at the Oklahoma Capitol. OSU medicine students and a doctor will provide health checks for state legislators during sessions, and students will be introduced on the floor of the House and Senate. The program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and Student Senate.

**Lora Young**, Abbeville, La., graduate student in agricultural communications, spent winter break assisting farmers affected by Hurricane Rita in Louisiana, along with 29 other members of Alpha Zeta national agricultural honor society representing nine universities.

OSU Collegiate 4-H Club won the regional and national scrapbook award at the recent national meeting in Baton Rouge, La. The award is presented to the club whose book best reflects the work of the club for the past year. **Sarah Edens** was elected as the regional president for the southern region.

## SGA president visits Israel with Project Interchange

Student Government Association President Claire Carter visited Israel on winter break with 13 other student body presidents in Project Interchange.

Arriving in Jerusalem on Dec. 27, they witnessed a rare snowfall. "To look out from the hotel and see the skyline of Jerusalem covered with snow was indescribable," said Carter, a Norman interior design senior.

She found the interaction with Israeli college students enriching. "Speaking to the student government, it was not the differ-

ences that surprised me as much as the similarities," she said.

A Sapir College tour was an eye-opening experience. Located near the Israel border, the campus is subject to sporadic missile and mortar fire from neighboring Palestine. "Seeing these students attend class, knowing that they could be injured or killed, really made me appreciate the true value of education," she said.

She was surprised by the positive view of Americans in Israel. "Israelis love Americans," Carter said. "Except for Hebrew on the signs, the experience was comparable to visiting a different city in the U.S."

## Culinary Arts Program Now Open at Night

OSU-Okmulgee's newly launched Tech Room Dinner Service is now open for dinner, according to culinary arts instructor and Chef Brandon Thrash. The service is operated by the A La Carte Dining Class and Capstone students in the OSU-Okmulgee Hospitality Services Division.

A five course meal with beverage costs about \$18. Dinner hours are 5-6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Seating is limited and reservations can be made by calling (918) 293-5030.



Allison Zuckerman of Edmond, vet med Class of '07, used her palpation skills to correctly identify objects inside the "cow" during the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association Game Night.

OSU was recognized as the region's **2006-07 School of the Year** by the Southwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, according to Mark Ohnesorge, OSU Residence Halls Association president.

OSU's **Marching Percussion Ensemble**, under the direction of Wayne Bovenschen, placed fifth at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention Marching Percussion Competition last fall, which was held in Austin.

**Construction Management Technology** students took first place in the design-build and the commercial construction competitions and second in the heavy highway/civil competition at the Region V Associated Schools of Construction/Associated General Contractors Student Competition in Dallas. Dave Lewis, design-build team member, received the 25th annual James L. Allhands Essay Competition award for a student work that advances the construction industry.

OSU's **Non-Traditional Student Organization** will host the 10th annual Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education Conference on March 23-25. More than 50 universities are expected to send representatives, according to Marie Basler, NTSO adviser and conference coordinator.

Human Environmental Sciences students **accepted into the Physician Assistant program** at the OU Health Sciences Center were Lindsey Schaefer and Halston Hendley, Edmond; Abbey Ronck and Tracy Toft, Oklahoma City; Brynn Minnaert, Omaha, Neb., all nutritional sciences majors; and Stacy Block, McLoud, human development and family science.

OSU's **Range Club** won the display board competition and placed fourth overall in the rangeland management exam at the Society for Range Management's 60th annual international meeting in Reno, Nev. Rusty Norrie, Derek Matz and Lauren Wilkerson won the display board competition with "Managed Rangelands in Oklahoma: Traditions and Transitions."



**Dr. Earl Mitchell Jr., left, received a plaque presented by Dr. Sterling Wetzel in appreciation of 40 years of dedicated pioneering service and leadership to OSU at his retirement reception. Mitchell, professor and interim head of biochemistry and molecular biology, became the first black OSU faculty member in 1967. Gov. Brad Henry also designated Jan. 30 as “Dr. Earl D. Mitchell Jr. Day” in Oklahoma.**

## Women’s Business Leadership Program Set for March 7

The 16th Annual Women’s Business Leadership Program will be held March 7 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tulsa.

Sponsored by the Oklahoma International Women’s Forum and the OSU Spears School of Business, the program will feature Dede Bartley, advisory board chair, National Domestic Hotline, New Canaan, Conn.; Kathleen Geier, senior vice president, human resources, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Liane Levetan, consultant/real estate broker, DeKalb County, Georgia; Esther Silver-Parker, vice president of diversity relations, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Ark.; and Renee Werbin, publisher, travelgirl, Chamblee, Ga.

## Sarathy Receives U.S. Patent Approval

Dr. Rathindra Sarathy, Ardmore Professor of Business Administration and management science and information systems professor, received approval for a U.S. Patent for a data shuffling procedure that protects confidential aspects of data while still allowing it to be useful for certain types of analysis.

Called “A Data Shuffling Procedure for Masking Data” the method makes it possible for organizations and agencies to study and analyze data while masking or

## Morrill Hall, Cimarron Review Reach Milestones

The OSU English Department led the celebration on Jan. 25 of Morrill Hall’s 100th anniversary and the 40th anniversary of “Cimarron Review.”

The event included an open house in the campus’s oldest, continually occupied building and a reading by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon. Opened in October 1906, Morrill was one of the largest public buildings constructed in Oklahoma’s territorial days, built to be “the jewel of Oklahoma’s land-grant campus,” according to Dr. Carol Moder, English Department professor and head.

Oklahoma A&M College President Angelo C. Scott proposed naming the building after Sen. Justin Morrill of Vermont, who sponsored the Land-Grant Act of 1862. With the exception of a brief period of time in 1914 following a fire, Morrill Hall has continually housed campus departments.

“Since its inception, ‘Cimarron Review’ has been run by the College of Arts and Sciences, and for most of its history, the editors have been from the English Department and closely associated with our creative writing graduate program,” Moder said.

## Federal Depository Recognized

Representatives of the U.S. Government Printing Office and others formally recognized the OSU Library’s 100th anniversary as a Federal Depository. Depository libraries safeguard the public’s right to know by collecting, organizing, preserving, and assisting users with information from the Federal Government.

The OSU Library became a Federal Depository in 1907 by an act of Congress; in 1979, OSU was elevated to Regional Federal Depository status. It is one of only 52 libraries designated to receive all publicly available federal documents.

hiding confidential attributes such as an individual’s identity and income.

It’s hoped the patent will help spur commercially viable products for data protection. Sarathy is internationally known for his research in data confidentiality.

He is one of several Department of Management Science and Information Systems faculty scholars involved with leading-edge information assurance and security research.



**Joey Senat, Larry Sanders, and Sue Williams were among the authors honored at the first “Celebrating Books by OSU Authors.”**

## Library Event Honors Authors, Creative Works

More than 90 people attended the inaugural “Celebrating Books by OSU Authors” on Feb. 1, hosted by the OSU Library.

The event honored university employees who authored, co-authored or edited a book in 2005 or 2006. Creative works such as musical composition, art exhibit catalog, or audio recording also were included.

Authors honored included John Acken, Cokie Anderson, Lee Bird, Bob Darcy, Renee Daugherty, Sidney Ewing, William Focht, Jami Fullerton, Toni Graham, Todd Hubbard, Jason Lavery, David Moll, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Donna Rhea, Peter Rollins, Larry Sanders, Allen Scott, Joey Senat, Ravi Sheorey, Peter Shull, Sue Williams, John Womack and John Wooley.

## Qu Speaks in China, Visits HRAD Interns

Dr. Hailin Qu, William E Davis Chair and Regents Professor of Hotel and Restaurant Administration, presented a seminar recently on leadership and management trends to the management team at The InterContinental Hotel in Shenzhen, China.

He was invited by general manager Brian Connelly, a 1979 HRAD graduate.

While at the hotel, Qu visited with four HRAD seniors currently working for the hotel on a six-month internship. Amy Banister, Mangum; Jonathan Kennedy, Stillwater; Todd Woodyard, Oklahoma City; and Amy Byrd, Tucumcari, N.M., are the first students from OSU to work for the new luxury resort that opened in November 2006.

Plans are being made to extend the long-term relationship with the hotel to internships and management training programs.

**Dr. Yonglin Jiang**, history assistant professor, was awarded a \$64,000 Research Fellowship by the American Council of Learned Societies for 2007-08.

Interim President **Dr. Marlene Strathe** was selected to serve on a national Task Force on Core Educational Outcomes that will develop recommendations for a Voluntary System of Accountability. The project, which includes education officials, public policymakers and academic leaders, will define ways public higher education can become more accountable to the public on learning outcomes and campus engagement and provide information to help students and families in selecting colleges.

**Dr. Susan Stansberry**, teaching and curriculum leadership assistant professor and founder and co-director of the Oklahoma State Student Media Festival, reported that 476 K-12 Oklahoma students and 45 teachers from 34 schools took part in the second annual festival in Tulsa in February. Special guest was alumnus Piyush Patel, founder of the OSU "I" Wonder Fair and founder and CEO of PL Studios, whose clients include Walt Disney Animation, Warner Brothers, Nike and Motorola.

**Scott Jordan**, Outdoor Adventure program coordinator at Campus Recreation, was elected president of the board of trustees for the Wilderness Education Association. He also has been appointed to the Oklahoma Trails Advisory Board for a two-year term.

**Dr. Tom Peeper**, professor and Warth Professor in Plant and Soil Sciences, received the Outstanding Extension Award during the 51st Annual Meeting of the Weed Science Society of America in San Antonio.

More than 30 people attended the **Flying Aggies Texas Reunion** and Networking Luncheon at Love Field's Business Jet Center last month where they heard about plans for the Flying Aggies 60th reunion in 2008, according to **Dr. Steve Marks**, professor of aviation and space education.

**Dr. Michael Lorenz**, veterinary medicine dean, received the Practitioner to Faculty Award at the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association's convention in Oklahoma City to honor his responsiveness to practitioners and their needs, as well as for his participation in case consultations.



**A bench in memory of Ronald Carl Skeen was dedicated on the back porch of Willard Hall by the College of Education and the Physical Plant Staff to honor his 15 years of dedicated service to the college and to the Physical Plant Custodial Services.**

The Association for Student Judicial Affairs presented **Dr. Lee Bird**, vice president for Student Affairs, with the Donald D. Gehring Award to recognize a member who has made exceptional individual contributions to the area of Student Judicial Affairs with at least 10 years of membership. **Dr. John W. Lowery**, educational studies associate professor, was recognized with the D. Parker Young Award to recognize outstanding ongoing scholarly and research contributions in higher education and judicial affairs.

**Dr. William Jaco**, mathematics professor, has been elected chair-elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Section on Mathematics.

**Dr. Girish Agarwal**, Noble Foundation Chair and Regents Professor of Physics, will be bestowed with the title of doctor honoris causa this month by the Academic Council at the University of Liege in Liege, Belgium. This distinction recognizes his outstanding work in the field of nonlinear and quantum optics.

**Dr. Joey Senat**, journalism associate professor, was recently elected president of Freedom of Information Oklahoma Inc.

**Dr. Mihyun Kang**, design, housing and merchandising assistant professor, was one of 14 mentor/educators invited to the WING 2007 Workshop scheduled at Dongseo University, Busan, Korea in July.

**Dr. Jason Lavery**, history associate professor, was appointed as a 2007-08 Fellow of the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland.

**Dr. Mike Sowell**, journalism and broadcasting associate professor, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame on April 13. He joins Fritz Wirt, O'Collegian general manager; Jack Lancaster, O'Collegian adviser; and Jenk Jones, former Tulsa Tribune publisher and a long-time member of the School of Journalism and Broadcasting Advisory Council.

**Eddie Sutton**, former OSU basketball coach, was honored at a recent half-time that included a video tribute of his greatest moments and a photo collage. His wife, Patsy, and nine grandchildren were present, along with several former players.

**Paul Compton**, trombone assistant professor, completed a residency at the University of Saskatchewan last fall, and was a guest trombone artist for the university's 2006 Brass Days.

**Dr. Greg C. Mosier**, professor of legal studies in business, has been selected to hold the first Puterbaugh Professorship in Legal Studies and Ethics in Business.

**Dr. James Huston**, Regents Professor of history, published "Stephen Douglas and the Dilemmas of Democratic Equality" (Rowman and Littlefield, 2007).

**Dr. Gary Webb**, sociology associate professor, is co-principal investigator on a project that has received a \$700,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to examine how first responders used creativity, flexibility and improvisation in the wake of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Murrah Federal Building.

**Dr. Tom Brown**, Ardmore Professor of Business Administration, received the Sheth Foundation Award for the best article in the *Journal of Academy of Marketing Science*.

Design, Housing and Merchandising assistant professor **Dr. Jane Swinney** received the John Jack Award for best paper at the recent United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship in Orlando.

Assistant professor **George Speed** has been invited to perform as a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra double bass section at their subscription concerts this month.

# OSU Foundation Reports New Gifts

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

- A second \$10,000 scholarship gift from 24-year-old alumna Mita Young, established with the help of Exxon-Mobil's matching gift program, will benefit music and art students. Her gift honors retired OSU faculty members Ron and Thora du Bois. Thora was Young's piano teacher through high school, and Ron taught in the art department. At the age of 20, the 2002 management information systems alumna became the youngest alumna to endow an OSU scholarship. This gift makes \$20,000 in endowed scholarships Young has committed to OSU in four years. Her initial endowment provides scholarship support for business students, and the new endowment will alternate annually a scholarship for music and art.



Mita Young, center, visited recently with Ron and Thora du Bois.

- A \$50,000 gift from Houston-based oil service company Baker Hughes will provide scholarships to benefit mechanical, electrical and chemical engineering students. "Baker Hughes has long been a technology leader in providing products and services for the oil and natural gas

industry, and has numerous OSU engineering graduates in their employ," said Dr. Larry Hoberock, head of the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

- A \$500,000 gift from the Edward E. and Helen T. Bartlett Foundation has created the Harrison I. Bartlett Professorship in Chemistry, and the gift is eligible for state matching funds. This first endowed position in chemistry will allow its holder to conduct research and play an important role in helping fulfill the university's overall goal of achieving status as a top 75 research institution, according to Dr. Peter Sherwood, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It is the second endowed faculty position at OSU that bears Bartlett's name.
- A \$10,000 gift from Dominion will benefit OSU's geology field camp restoration project. Last summer, the Colorado-based geological field camp suffered extreme flooding damage due to heavy rainfalls. OSU geology professor and field camp director Jim Puckette and the Boone Pickens School of Geology are leading efforts to rebuild.



An OSU geology student got hands-on field experience at the geology field camp in Colorado.

# Miss Black OSU



Tynetta Willis, Tulsa biomedical sciences freshman, right, was crowned Miss Black OSU 2007 on Feb. 24 by the reigning Miss Black OSU 2006, RaShawna Kimble. Willis also won the People's Choice and the Miss Congeniality awards during the 36th Annual Miss Black OSU Scholarship Pageant.

# Stedman Graham Leads Diversity Workshop

Stedman Graham, author, educator and businessman, led a workshop for OSU and area high school students on Feb. 22 based on his book "Diversity: Leaders Not Labels - A New Plan for the 21st Century."

Dr. Cornell Thomas, vice president for Institutional Diversity at OSU, developed the program that was funded by a \$75,000 gift from the Tulsa-based Williams Foundation.

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