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Symposium to mark second Nancy Randolph Davis Day

The 2007 edition of “Nancy Randolph Davis Day at OSU” will start this Thursday at 2 p.m. in Click Alumni Hall with a tribute to Davis, the university’s first black student, and the debut of the Nancy Randolph Davis Symposium on Higher Education. The symposium will feature a panel of individuals who will speak briefly about how they became pioneering black faculty at OSU. They will also answer questions from the audience. OSU Vice President for Institutional Diversity Cornell Thomas will serve as moderator for the panel, which will feature Drs. Estella Atekwana, Tammy Henderson, Jason Kirksey and Earl Mitchell.

Panciera first grad to be named distinguished member of national college

Congratulations to Dr. Roger Panciera who has been inducted as a Distinguished Member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. He is the first OSU graduate to achieve this prestigious honor and one of only 33 in the college’s history to be inducted as a Distinguished Member. The American College of Veterinary Pathologists is an organization of board-certified scientists that has set the standard for veterinary pathology since 1949. Panciera, an Emeritus faculty member, is responsible, in whole or in part, for the original pathologic descriptions of several diseases known today. He joined the OSU faculty in 1956. For more details, [click here](#).

Russert makes news at OSU venues

NBC News reporter Tim Russert used Spears School of Business functions in Tulsa and Oklahoma City yesterday to make some national news. He told packed audiences he was not the recipient of a leak that publicly revealed the identity of a CIA agent, and the only reason that vice presidential aide Scooter Libby called him was to complain about an MSNBC program. Russert confirmed that he expects to be called to testify in Libby’s federal perjury and obstruction trial.

OSU to host Darwin expert Michael Ruse

Oklahoma State University will host Michael Ruse, one of the country’s leading authorities on the history and philosophy of Darwinian evolutionary theory, Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center. Ruse’s lecture, titled “The Evolution/Creation Struggle: An American Story”, is sponsored by the OSU Office of the President and the Philosophy and Zoology Departments. “Evolution and creationism are important issues facing higher education. It is important that OSU is involved in the discussion and Dr. Ruse’s lecture will provide an opportunity for all members of the OSU community to take part,” said David Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. Ruse is a Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at FloridaState University and a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Canada and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the author of nearly 40 books.

“The Dream Alive Program” set for Monday

Former Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers will present “The Dream Alive Program: A Dedication to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in the Wes Watkins Center. Rogers will present, the critically acclaimed program, which unites historic orations and contemporary perspective in tribute to King and leaders of the American civil rights movement. The event, sponsored by OSU’s Division for Institutional Diversity and the OSU Multicultural Student Center, is free and open to the public. Rogers holds the distinction of serving as the nation’s youngest lieutenant governor. He is also just the fourth African American in U.S. history elected lieutenant governor of a state. For more details, [click here](#).