

**MAY 09, 2006**

Commencements continue for OSU System

OSU-Oklahoma City will celebrate its 43rd Annual Commencement Ceremony Monday at the Cox Convention Center. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Dave Lopez, president of Downtown Oklahoma City, Inc., will deliver the keynote address to the more than 500 graduates. Before joining Downtown OKC, Inc., Lopez was president of SBC Communications' Oklahoma operations.

Tulsa businessman Hans Helmerich served as the keynote speaker for Oklahoma State University-Tulsa's seventh graduation ceremony yesterday in The Pavilion at Expo Square. Helmerich is the president and chief executive officer of Tulsa-based Helmerich & Payne, Inc., an energy-oriented company. He is the son of Walter and Peggy Helmerich, who have pledged \$9 million to OSU-Tulsa's first research and technology development center, the Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center.

For photos and more of President Bush's visit to the OSU-Stillwater campus click here <<http://osu.okstate.edu/news/bushspeech.htm>> .

Road closings listed for Special Olympics

The following roads will be closed on the OSU-Stillwater campus during the Special Olympic Summer Games Wednesday through Friday:

- Hall of Fame from Monroe to McDonald
- Farm Road from Lincoln to Walnut
- Cleveland from Farm Road to Hall of Fame
- Walnut from Hall of Fame to Scott
- McElroy is used for the detour route

Crews will begin closing these roads each morning at 5:30 a.m. to have them closed by 7 a.m.

OSU students earn journalism awards

Two news-editorial students won awards at the Society of Professional Journalists Region 8 conference in Oklahoma City on April 30. John Estus, a graduating senior from Tulsa, won first place in the general news category of the SPJ Mark of Excellence Awards for his investigation of a Stillwater housing program. His entry now will be judged in the national competition against 11 other regional winners in that division. Matt Barnard, a senior from Stillwater, won third place in the sports photography category. The SPJ Mark of Excellence honors the best in student journalism. In Region 8, Estus and Barnard competed against college journalists from Oklahoma and Texas.

Faculty member receives international teaching award

Tim Faltyn, Arts and Sciences division head at OSU-Oklahoma City, recently received the 17th Annual International Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award. Faltyn is a teacher by trade even though it didn't start out that way. He began his career in the non-profit sector of Oklahoma government. Named Carnegie United States Professor of the Year in 2000, Faltyn has authored nine books on American government, Oklahoma government, educational motivation and golf. He says the favorite part of his day is in the classroom. The award honors those who use innovative strategies, such as interactive and cooperative learning, combined with the use of technology to support higher education learning.

“School Reform in a Global Society”

OSU professor William Segall has authored a book that insists the underlying purpose of certain educational programs is to pressure schools to teach students that corporate success, not personal success, should be their only value. “Today, students are continually tested to see if they are learning what the business world wants

them to know,” he said. “All businesses want schools to do is teach students to become good workers and schools are supposed to supply corporations the workers they need.” In his book, “School Reform in a Global Society,” Segall has outlined what has happened, why it is happening, and to whom it is happening from an educational, economic, and historical perspective. His book is now available in bookstores throughout the country.

#### Bus routes for summer

THE BUS Community Transit System has modified service for the summer. The on-campus Black and Orange routes will not run this summer; however, from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Gold route, which is normally a night route, will be running its normal schedule on-campus. Evening route service will resume on August 21. The bus’ community routes will not be affected by this reduction in service and will continue to run their normal routes and schedules. Check The Bus’ website for Memorial Day and 4th of July route information as these holidays approach. For more information about modified services during the summer break, contact Transit Services at 744-2832 or visit [www.transit.okstate.edu](http://www.transit.okstate.edu) <<http://www.transit.okstate.edu/>> .

#### Payne County Junior Miss program coming this weekend

Make plans to attend the Payne County Junior Miss program this Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Seretean Center. Many OSU students have received scholarship money through junior miss programs from across the state and nation. Tickets for the program are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased at the Seretean Center ticket office being at 6 p.m. the evening of the program, or can be purchased from the contestants. For more details go to the website at [www.paynecountyokjrmiss.org](http://www.paynecountyokjrmiss.org).

#### Wellness tip: Television and music during exercise

Do you regularly watch TV while on the treadmill, bike, stair climber or elliptical? Consider listening to music, instead. According to our fitness experts, music you enjoy can pump up the intensity of a workout. Finding several strategies that work for you is often helpful in bringing enjoyment to your workouts for many years! Wellness tips are brought to you by the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, dedicated to making OSU the Healthiest Campus in America. For more information about services for students, faculty and staff, call 744-WELL (9355).