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OSU aerospace engineering students set new world aviation record

An experimental aircraft designed and built by OSU aerospace engineering undergraduates Dustin Gamble and Thomas Hays has set a new world aviation record. Their remote-controlled "Dragonfly" flew 144.42 kilometers, shattering the previous record of 80.43 kilometers in their (electric power, sub 5kg) category. The June 2 flight was an official attempt sanctioned by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale <<http://www.fai.org/>> and is the first of several world records Gamble and Hays will attempt this summer, under the faculty advisement of Dr. Andy Arena. For more information on the Dragonfly's quest for the record books, images and video, visit <http://aerodesign.okstate.edu/projects/Dragonfly%20Page/Dragonfly.htm>

Womack earns double honors and talks about his new book

OSU School of Architecture professor John Womack won the top two awards at the recent Oklahoma Watercolor Association's Member's Show. His painting, entitled "Remnants," received the Best of Show award, and his other painting, "Will Build to Suit," received the People's Choice Award. Womack was recently interviewed about his new book, "Once Upon a Highway: Route 66 in Oklahoma," and that interview was recently aired on Cox Cable channels in Stillwater, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City on the weekly program "Read About It."

Journalism students earn place at conference

Two OSU journalism students are the only recipients of a full scholarship to attend the annual conference of Investigative Reporters and Editors in Dallas June 15-18. John Estus of Tulsa and Shannon Muchmore of Ponca City were each awarded a James Richard Bennett Scholarship. Estus' investigative article on a Stillwater housing program last fall has made him an awards finalist in the student division at the conference. He graduated in May and is reporting for The Oklahoman this summer. Muchmore, a news-editorial senior, is reporting for The Tulsa World this summer and will be editor in chief of The Daily O'Collegian in the fall.

OSU alum debuts Sunday on 'Treasure Hunters'

Oklahoma State University alumnus Keith Brown will make his debut on network television this Sunday (June 18) on NBC's new reality series, "Treasure Hunters." Keith, originally from Midland, Texas, went to Oklahoma State University on an athletic scholarship while majoring in management science and information systems. He currently lives in Corvallis, Oregon, and works in the telecommunications field. Keith's teammates on the show are his brothers Terry and Tonny. After Sunday's initial two hour broadcast, the series will be seen regularly at 8 p.m. on Mondays. For more, click here .

Robinson earns Byron Nelson award

Congratulations to OSU's Zack Robinson, who has been honored with the 2006 Byron Nelson Award by the Golf Coaches Association of America. The award is given on the basis of collegiate academic career, collegiate golf career, character and integrity to a graduating senior. Particular consideration is given to a nominee's good citizenship, as portrayed by Byron Nelson over the course of his life and golf career. Robinson has already earned his undergraduate degree in political science and is currently pursuing a masters in business administration.

Assistive Technology Demonstration Center sets open house

Oklahoma ABLE Tech, Oklahoma's Assistive Technology Program, will host an open house on Thursday at its demonstration center located in the Seretean Wellness Center. Featured products will be geared toward those with vision and hearing impairments. A variety of devices from low-tech to high-tech will be available for exploration, as well as an assortment of other types of adaptive equipment. Open House hours will be from 10 a.m. – noon, and from 4 – 6 p.m. For more information, contact the ABLE Tech office at (405) 744-9748.

Wellness Wednesday - "Managing and Treating Migraine Headaches"

According to the National Headache Foundation, 13 percent of the population, or one in every four U.S. households, suffers from migraine headaches. Join Dr. Tim Rathbun, Stillwater physician, as he discusses diagnosing and treating headaches, including preventative medicine and other treatment options, on Wednesday, June 21, noon – 1:00 pm, in the Lecture Hall at the Seretean Wellness Center. A free, heart-healthy lunch will be served and a vegetarian option is available on request. To register, please call 744.WELL (9355) or e-mail kendria.cost@okstate.edu. You must register by Friday, June 16, to be included for the free lunch.