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OSU faculty to be featured at Oxford Round Table

Drs. Steven Harrist and Shelia Kennison will be among the invited speakers on the topic of “the psychology of the child” at the latest Oxford Round Table set for next week at the Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford, England. The round table series provides a collegial “think-tank” atmosphere to promote human advancement and understanding through the improvement of education. Harrist, associate professor in the School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology, will present “Self and Other: Tensions within Liberal Individualism and Moral Education.” Kennison, associate professor in the Department of Psychology, will present “Learning to Read: Why Children in the U.S. Read Less Well than Children in Other English-Speaking Countries.”

Schmidly to lecture OSU students at Cambridge

Also in England, about 15 OSU students are currently participating in the Cambridge summer program. OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly will present a lecture Monday titled “Charles Darwin and Evolution: The Idea that Changed our View of the World.” He also will participate in a panel on leadership and public service with Louis Blair, former executive secretary of the Truman Foundation, and Bryan Begley, former OSU Truman Scholar and currently an executive with McKinsey Consulting. In addition, Arts and Sciences Dean Peter Sherwood will lecture and lead a tour, OSU English professor Edward Jones will lead a course on 17th century British newsbooks, and the students will tour the home of Charles Darwin. OSU alumni also are participating in the activities and this weekend a first-ever alumni event will be held.

Professor captures national award for book “Waiting for Elvis”

Congratulations to Dr. Toni Graham for winning the John Gardner Book Award for 2006 for her work *Waiting for Elvis*. The work of fiction is prompting positive reviews from many of the critics, including the *New York Times*. Graham, a native of San Francisco, is an associate professor of English at OSU. Her first book, *The Daiquiri Girls*, was the winner of the Associated Writing Programs Award for Short Fiction. Her stories have also appeared in several magazines.

Strathe elected to higher learning executive committee

Congratulations to Dr. Marlene Strathe, provost and senior vice president, who has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Learning Commission. The commission is part of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, a regional institutional accreditor in the U.S. Strathe also was recently appointed to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the NASULGC Council on Academic Affairs.

KOSU: Oklahoma and beyond

KOSU has added another radio frequency and now has the potential to reach more than 4 million people in Oklahoma as well as parts of Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas. The latest frequency, 107.3 FM, serves the Tulsa metropolitan area and amounts to KOSU’s fourth frequency, which includes 91.7 FM for central Oklahoma, 107.5 FM for northeast Oklahoma, and 101.9 FM for the Okmulgee area. The latest frequency is part of a five-point effort begun in January of 2005 to improve service in all directions. The next Oklahoma Public Radio service expansion initiative includes the use of a new High Definition “HD” technology, which will allow for additional programming options for listeners, and improved signal strength in north central Oklahoma.

Conversion process will make some information unavailable until Monday

OSU Information Technology will start the process of converting all records on the Stillwater campus to an eight-digit campus-wide I.D. on Friday at 8 a.m. and that will make certain systems unavailable until 8 a.m. on Monday. The following systems will be unavailable during that time period: SIS, SISWEB, FACWEB, Cashiering system, IDMS (ID card production will be unavailable), PUD, PUD Modify and ICAMS/CS Gold

(door access and meal plans will run offline until the conversion is completed). For more information, visit <http://it.okstate.edu/itspotlight/>.

Avoid internet fraud

Oklahoma State University's Office of Information Security reminds us to be aware of internet fraud and scams. If you get a suspicious e-mail or are uncertain about information received through your computer don't give out any of your personal information, such as bank account, social security, driver's license or other identification numbers or information. Be very cautious of Moneygrams. For more information about avoiding internet theft of fraud go to www.fraud.org/tips/internet/internet/inttip/inttip.htm or file an Internet Crime Complaint go to www.ic3.gov.

Wellness Wednesday: Visually related performance problems—symptoms and solutions

Vision is more than just the ability to see clearly, it is the ability to understand and respond to what is seen and that's why visual problems can affect both academic and job performance. Join Dr. Gumm and Dr. Reynolds from Stillwater Vision Clinic, as they discuss such issues as Computer Vision Syndrome, anatomy of the eyes, perception issues, and processing visual information. This free presentation will be held Wednesday, July 19, noon – 1 p.m. at the Seretean Wellness Center Lecture Hall. A free, heart-healthy lunch will be provided, but you must register by Monday, July 17 at noon. To register, e-mail Kendria Cost at kendria.cost@okstate.edu or call 744-WELL (9355).

Family and students honor professor

A recent retiree in Oklahoma State University's Leisure Studies unit, Dr. Christine Cashel, received the surprise of a lifetime when her mother, Marie Grant, endowed a College of Education professorship in her honor in April. The professorship, valued at \$250,000, will ensure Cashel's passion for educating students continues long after she retires. Inspired by Cashel's commitment to education, colleagues and former students in the leisure studies unit also began contributing funds to endow a \$20,000 scholarship in her honor. A Pennsylvania native who now calls Oklahoma home, Cashel plans to remain in Stillwater and participate in OSU activities. To donate a gift to the Chris Cashel professorship or scholarship, please contact Brenda Solomon at (405) 744-7188 or make your gift online at www.osuf.org.

Lights on Stillwater booth deadline ahead

The annual Lights on Stillwater will be held on Aug. 23 from 8 to 10 p.m. on the OSU Library lawn to give businesses and organizations in the community the opportunity to connect with more than 10,000 students, faculty and staff at OSU. Booths are \$75 (\$10 extra for electricity) and registrations are due no later than July 31. For questions or for a registration form, contact Matt Carter at the Student Government Association office by calling 405-744-6500 (Fax: 405-744-9883) or e-mail sgavp@okstate.edu.

Wellness tip: Metabolism - eat to burn!

Did you know that while just sitting quietly, your body still burns calories? However, going for many hours without eating can cause your body to reduce the number of calories per minute that it burns. To keep your metabolism "boosted," consider eating small meals or snacks about every four to five hours and engage in regular physical activity. You will probably feel better, have more energy, eat less at each meal, and burn more calories all day! 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).

New chair for Stillwater Chamber

The Stillwater Chamber of Commerce has a new leader—Debbie Mosier, chief financial officer for Nomadics. Read the details by going to www.stillwaterchamber.org and clicking on the "monthly newsletter" link.