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Regents meet in regular meeting and take action on several issue include future of Hall of Fame Avenue

OSU announced at its regular board of regents meeting Friday that the OSU Foundation has purchased through negotiations 86 of the 87 properties in the initial athletic village expansion area north of Boone Pickens Stadium between McElroy Road and Hall of Fame Avenue. Negotiations continue to purchase the last property in the area. Following board approval OSU System CEO and President, David Schmidly joined Stillwater Mayor, Roger McMillian in a press conference to announce an agreement between the city and the university to re-open Hall of Fame Avenue. For more details on these and other regents related stories including personnel actions go [here](#).

OSU to host Governor's first Executive Development program

The William S. Spears School of Business will host the first ever Governor's Executive Development program next week on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater. Thirty-four participants including Governor Brad Henry, cabinet members and other top executives in state government will attend the four and one-half day session which will be co-hosted by the Michael F. Price College of Business at the University of Oklahoma in cooperation with the State Office of Personnel Management. The program will focus on key executive leadership competencies and end Aug. 3 with a luncheon graduation ceremony headed by Governor Henry, OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly and Dean Sara Freedman, Spears School of Business.

Researcher named "Top Young Scientist"

The Geological Society of America has named Dr. Elizabeth Catlos, assistant professor of geology, the 2006 Top Young Scientist. Catlos will receive the prestigious award known as the Donath Medal at the society's annual meeting in Philadelphia in October. The award recognizes achievement in geology through research that advances the earth sciences. Catlos will receive a gold medal and a \$20,000 cash award, as she joins an elite group of past medalists from top research universities.

Elliott named "Rising Star"

Kathy Elliott, associate vice president and controller, OSU and OSU System, received a National Association of College and University Business Officers' Rising Star Award at the 2006 annual meeting of the organization held this month in Hawaii. The award identifies future leaders in higher education who possess high potential to advance to leadership roles in the field of higher education business, finance and administration. Elliott was one of only two Rising Stars recognized by the organization's 2,500 member institutions.

Sister Cities elects Hromas

Dr. James Hromas, International Education and Outreach director, was elected to the Sister Cities International Board of Directors this month at its 50th anniversary conference held in Washington, D.C. Sister Cities has more than 700 U.S. cities affiliated with 1,700 international cities in 134 countries. More than 1,000 delegates, representing 39 counties, attended the conference.

Spears School of Business signs high-tech agreement

The Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University has signed a three-year software and service agreement with Intellworks to boost its enrollment and marketing process. The agreement will provide software designed to specifically tailor each student's personal and career interests to their learning experience. It also allows the school to better target students that are already enrolled in undergraduate programs at OSU as well as identify prospects elsewhere for the school's five master's and two Ph.D. programs.

“Celebration of Books” coming

More than 70 writers, artists and musicians, including award-winning novelists Alexander McCall Smith and Pat Conroy, are set to participate in the Celebration of Books, Sept. 29-30, at OSU-Tulsa. Tickets for the festival, including “An Evening with Pat Conroy and Alexander McCall Smith,” are \$65 for the general public, \$55 for patron members of the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers, and \$25 for full-time students. Tickets to “An Evening with Pat Conroy and Alexander McCall Smith” may also be purchased separately for \$20. Tickets are available by calling 918-596-7111 or by visiting www.myticketoffice.com .

Tai Chi for Beginners

Dee Dutt, PhD., will lead a beginner’s Tai Chi class at the Seretean Wellness Center. Tai Chi is an ancient practice used to improve balance, reduce the risk of falls, increase core muscle strength, lower blood pressure, improve other areas of activity (such as golf, tennis, racquetball), and relieve stress/anxiety. The class runs Sept. 7 – Nov. 2 and will meet each Thursday from 9 – 10 a.m. Cost of the class is \$100 per person. You do not have to be a member of the O-Zone Fitness Center to attend. Class size is limited and pre-registration by Aug. 31 is required. If you have any questions or wish to enroll in the class, please contact Mary Talley, 744-6907 or mary.talley@okstate.edu.

OSU-OKC offers fast-track to RN for qualified health-care workers

Licensed practical nurses and paramedics who want to be registered nurses can take advantage of OSU-Oklahoma City’s nursing program openings. The nursing program offers advanced standing to those who qualify. Federal statistics show nursing is expected to grow faster than the average for all other occupations—23 percent by 2008. For more information on the LPN/Paramedic advanced standing fast-track, call the Nurse Science Department at 945-3210 or visit www.osuokc.edu <<http://www.osuokc.edu/>> .

The Ranchers Club set for “Discover Oklahoma” debut

“Discover Oklahoma” is scheduled to feature The Ranchers Club at Oklahoma State University’s Atherton Hotel on it’s Aug. 5th broadcast at 6:30 p.m. on KWTV in Oklahoma City and KOTV in Tulsa.

Wellness tip: Quick and healthy appetizer recipe

For a quick and healthy appetizer, lightly spread whole-wheat flour tortillas with nonfat cream cheese. Top with veggies (such as spinach, shredded carrots, peppers, mushrooms, onions). Add sliced olives and seasonings for flavor. Roll up tortillas and cover with foil. Refrigerate 1 hour. Remove foil and cut width-wise for healthy veggie pinwheels! 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).