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OSU professor receives homeland security honor

An Oklahoma State University professor lists the soldiers and the folks at home who are making sacrifices for them, as the reasons she is most proud of receiving the 2006 Homeland Security Award. Dr. Donna Branson accepted the award today during ceremonies in Washington D.C. for her collaborative research and development work on QuadGard®, a lightweight, flexible limb body armor for the troops, as well as an earlier project, a personal portable cooling system for first responders. “We are extremely proud of Donna and the life-saving work she and her team have done,” said OSU System CEO and President David J. Schmidly. “They have toiled many long hours to make QuadGard® a reality for American soldiers. Donna and her team epitomize the dedicated, selfless work Oklahoma State University researchers are doing in a variety of important areas.” For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=426&Itemid=90> .

Swiss sign sponsorship agreement with OSU-Okmulgee

The Swiss watch industry has signed a milestone agreement with OSU-Okmulgee that will infuse an additional \$1.1 million dollars to expand technology and instruction in the watchmaking program at the school. Swiss executives from several companies traveled to Okmulgee to sign the agreement, which is designed to help fulfill a critical world shortage of watchmaking professionals. “The watchmaking program at our Okmulgee campus is truly one of the jewels of the OSU System,” said David J. Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. “We appreciate the Swiss watch industry’s continued support and confidence in our program and I congratulate President Bob Klabenes and his team on this milestone.” OSU-Okmulgee has a 60-year heritage of watchmaking. The program focuses on sophisticated luxury watches and certification. For more, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=425&Itemid=90> .

Vocal care workshop this Saturday

The Faculty Council and the OSU Music Department is offering a free one-day workshop on vocal care and vocal health for the teacher, lecturer, singer and actor at the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts in Stillwater, this Saturday. The workshop runs from 9:30 a.m. (sign-in) to 4 p.m. but you are especially urged to attend the morning session, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please RSVP to: mark.lawlor@okstate.edu or telephone Anne-Marie Condace at 405-744-8987.

Women’s Programs to screen “The Celluloid Closet”

Women’s Programs within the OSU Office for Institutional Diversity and the OSU Women’s Studies Program will present a free, special screening of “The Celluloid Closet,” from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25 in 305 Morrill Hall. Based on the book by Vito Russo, the movie uses interviews and hundreds of clips to examine how Hollywood has presented gay and lesbian characters from silent cinema to recent films such as “Philadelphia” and “Desert Hearts.” Carol Mason, associate professor of Women’s Studies and English, will host the screening and a following discussion. The event is the first of a series of presentations the Women’s Studies Program and Women’s Programs will co-host on campus this fall, and light refreshments will be provided.

Free depression screenings

The OSU Center for Family Services will be offering free depression screenings Oct. 4 – 5 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 of Human Environmental Sciences west. If you have experienced any of the following lately, consider taking advantage of this offer:

- Fatigue or restlessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure
- Difficulty concentrating
- Persistent indecisiveness
- Feelings of guilt or worthlessness

· Depressed mood most of the day

To schedule an appointment, please call the Center for Family Services at (405) 744-5058.

Institute to launch series on “how students learn” (note: new location)

The Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ITLE) will host the first module of the Early-Career Faculty Development Series with a workshop entitled “What is known about how students learn” on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. (lunch provided), in room 102 ATRC. Dr. Lynna Ausburn from the College of Education and Dr. Cyril Clarke from Veterinary Health Sciences will be the workshop leaders. Sign up at http://fp.okstate.edu/fsc/FD_curriculum_design_1.htm. For the entire 2006-2007 Series lineup, see <http://itle.okstate.edu/FD/early.htm> (then click on Early Career Faculty Development Programs).

Hazardous household waste collection event this weekend

Help keep tons of household pollutants from entering the local landfill by participating in the City of Stillwater’s annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9th and Lowry in Stillwater. Virtually any household pollutant will be collected. Bring pesticides, household cleaning products, oil, mixed fuels, fertilizer, antifreeze, automobile batteries, rechargeable batteries, etc. One of a few products that is considered non-hazardous is latex paint since it can go out with regular trash as long as it is in a solid form (simply remove the lid and allow to dry). Questions? Phone: (405) 533-8482.

Wellness tip: Side stitches

Many of us have had a side stitch (sharp abdominal cramp often felt in the side) during exercise. To get rid of the stitch, try bending forward, then tighten your abdominal muscles or breathe through pursed lips. 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).