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Dean Knaub to step down

After 17 years as dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences, Dr. Patricia K. Knaub has announced her intention to step down from the post at Oklahoma State University effective June 30, 2007. Knaub confirmed that decision in a recent letter to OSU Senior Vice President and Provost Dr. Marlene Strathe. "Because the college is well positioned for the future, this seems like a good time for me to focus on new opportunities," said Knaub, who has overseen sweeping changes at the institution. OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly said, "Pat has been an extremely gifted leader and ambassador for Oklahoma State University and HES. We appreciate all she has done to elevate her college, making HES a national leader. We wish her the very best and know she will continue to make valuable contributions to OSU." Under Knaub's direction, the college experienced a 98 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment and a 50 percent increase in graduate students over the last 12 years. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=431&Itemid=90> .

Undergrad awarded fellowship

Congratulations to Ryan Trojan of OSU. The American Society for Microbiology has selected Trojan as a 2006 award recipient for a Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship. Microbiology Fellows have the opportunity to conduct full time summer research at their home institution or at a host U.S. institution. Each fellow receives a \$3,500 stipend and reimbursement for travel expenses to the 2007 ASM general meeting. Edward Shaw from OSU is Ryan's mentor. The title of Ryan's research is "Expression of genes unique to the QpH1 plasmid of *Coxiella burnetii* during infection of host cells."

Center debuts film series

OSU's Center for Africana Studies and Development will host the "Darubini Africa" film series this semester, starting with a screening tomorrow (Wednesday) of "The Battle of Adwa." Political science professor Ted Vestal will introduce the film at 7 p.m. in 106 Noble Research Center and lead a discussion afterward. "The Battle of Adwa" is a documentary that examines Emperor Menelik II's military defeat of Italian colonizers, securing Ethiopia international recognition as an independent state. Vestal, an internationally recognized scholar of Ethiopian politics, will draw connections between the watershed event and 20th century world history and discuss the unique relationship Menelik's son established with OSU. This is the first of four films in the series that will be screened this semester.

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. tomorrow (Wednesday) in 305 Morrill Hall. 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. Light refreshments will be provided.

OSU Theater Department opens new season tomorrow

The OSU Theater Department opens its season with the laugh-filled "School of Wives" tomorrow (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the Seretean Performing Arts Center. The play is a comedy centered around a man raising a girl to be the perfect wife. His plans soon take a back seat when a young man enters the picture. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the door, starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (405) 744-6094.

OSU Symphony Orchestra to perform Thursday

The Seretean Center for the Performing Arts opens its doors this week as the OSU Music Department begins its Fall concert season. The Music Department is known for its excellence through a variety of music events performed by both its faculty and students. The OSU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Douglas Droste, will perform Thursday its first concert of the season. The program will feature Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World." OSU Assistant Professor of Trombone, Paul Compton, will be the featured soloist in Jim Pugh's Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra. The program will also feature Camille Saint-Saens' Marche Militaire Francaise. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information on weekly concerts, call (405) 744-6133 or visit the event calendar at www.okstate.edu <<http://www.okstate.edu/>> .

Feminist film next Exciterbulb offering

The Naked Kiss (1964), called by one critic "the wisest, slickest and most unorthodox feminist film..." will be shown Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Nobel Research Center auditorium as part of the Exciterbulb film series. All screenings are free and open to the public. Click here <<http://english.okstate.edu/exciterbulb/>> for more information.

President's Wellness Walk on Friday

There is still time to join the first President's Wellness Walk for the United Way set for Friday. "This is a fun, enjoyable way for OSU students, faculty and staff to demonstrate the importance of being active and coming together to support a vital local cause. I encourage everyone to consider participating," said OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly. This event will help OSU pursue its \$180,000 goal for the Stillwater Area United Way's campaign, which benefits 26 local agencies. The one-mile fun walk will begin on the Library Lawn at 11:30 a.m. The \$15 registration fee includes a T-shirt that can be picked up on the day of the walk. The Seretean Wellness Center and the Colvin Recreation Center have teamed up to sponsor the event. Registration forms are available at the Seretean Wellness Center, the Colvin Recreation Center, and the Student Union Hub or through any United Way Team Captain. Forms are also available online at <http://campusrec.okstate.edu/fit-first/info/wellnesswalk>.

Distinguished Service nominations due Friday

The 2006 Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form was sent to each employee via campus mail this week. The deadline for nominations is this Friday. To see information about previous Distinguished Service Award Recipients, go to: <http://fp.okstate.edu/sac/awards.htm>.

Celebration of Books this weekend in Tulsa

The Celebration of Books, one of the largest gatherings of writers in the Southwest, is this weekend in Tulsa. Hosted by the OSU Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers, the conference will feature over 70 nationally known writers, artists and musicians. For more information, click on www.poetsandwriters.okstate.edu/ <<http://www.poetsandwriters.okstate.edu/>> and click on the "schedule" link for a complete lineup. Also checkout the "highlights" link.

OSU-OKC to host free child safety seat checkups

OSU-Oklahoma City's Early Care Education Program is hosting a "Child Safety Seat Checkup" event this Friday from 4 - 7 p.m. at the OSU-OKC Precision Driving Training Center, located at Reno and Portland. The event is free and open to the public. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, both students and instructors, will offer information on proper installation of child car seats and address common questions. Another "check-up" is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, from 3 - 6 p.m., at the Babies-R-Us, located off Northwest Highway in the Belle Isle Shopping Center. OSU-OKC boasts the only students nationwide to earn college credit as they

become certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services recently revised state child care facilities license regulations to include specific training in child passenger safety and transportation. For more information, contact Jennifer Duclos at (405) 945-3244.

Emerging infectious diseases topic of upcoming pet care seminar

Small Animal Internist Dr. Jill Brunker will discuss emerging infectious health concerns for pet owners during the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences' monthly Pet Care Seminar at 7 p.m., Tuesday Oct. 3. Health risks such as leptosporosis, cytauxzoonosis and influenza will be covered. These emerging infectious diseases are very serious and some could be fatal if left untreated. Dr. Brunker will present an overview including how you can minimize your pet's exposure. A question and answer period will follow her presentation. Pet Care Seminars are open to the public and held in McElroy Hall Auditorium. Admission and light refreshments are complimentary. McElroy Hall is located at the corner of McFarland and Farm Road on OSU's Stillwater campus. For more information on this public education program, please contact Ann Govek at (405) 744-7672 or ann.govek@okstate.edu.

Staff and faculty blood drive ahead

The annual American Red Cross OSU Staff and Faculty Blood Drive will be held on Friday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Student Union Starlight Terrace. To schedule a specific time to donate blood, please call 744-8474. All donors will receive a fleece scarf and a chance to win a framed autographed OU, OSU, or TU T-shirt PLUS a chance to attend an exclusive "meet and greet" with Oklahoma Sports Legends.

Did you know?

Since 1990, KOSU has raised approximately \$350,000 to pay student interns to work in such capacities as news reporters, production producers, Web masters, and fundraising assistants at the station. This provides the students with real-world experience for the job market.

Wellness tip: Aging

According to the Alliance for Aging Research, 63% of Americans say they want to live to be 100 or older. Unfortunately, there is no anti-aging panacea. The best advice: avoid too much sun, exercise regularly, eat a healthful diet, improve your flexibility, avoid smoking and limit or eliminate alcohol. 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).