

October 2, 2006

Services set for Mrs. Frances Boger

Mrs. Frances (Frankie) Boger, widow of former OSU President Lawrence L. Boger, passed away in Oklahoma City on Thursday, Sept. 28, following a sudden illness. After Boger retired from the presidency, the couple continued to live in Stillwater until his death. A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in Brill Chapel at Epworth Villa, 14901 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City, with Dennis Pendleton officiating. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Dr. Lawrence Boger Distinguished Professorship Fund through the OSU Foundation. The fund is for the OSU School of International Studies, which Dr. Boger was instrumental in creating.

Take a “world tour” on the library lawn

The International Student Organization will sponsor International Expo '06 on the OSU Library lawn Wednesday Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A delight for the eyes, ears and palate, there will be food, dance and articles from various cultures and countries. Come and enjoy.

OSU researcher receives NSF grant

Congratulations to Dr. Gary Webb, associate professor, Department of Sociology, who is among the co-principal investigators of a project that has been awarded more than \$700,000 from the National Science Foundation. The project, entitled “Improvisation in Emergency Response: Linking Cognition, Behavior, and Social Interaction,” involves a study of how first responders relied on creativity, flexibility and improvisation to deal with those disasters. Joining Webb as co-principal investigators on the project are David Mendonca (New Jersey Institute of Technology) and Carter Butts (University of California at Irvine).

Iowa State professor to speak on diversity and student success tonight

Dr. Laura Rendon, professor and chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Iowa State University, will speak on “Promoting Diversity and Student Success” at the Student Union Theater on today at 5 p.m. Rendon is the keynote speaker for Hispanic Heritage Month. Her current research focuses on access, retention and graduation of low-income, first-generation students and the transformation of teaching and learning to address intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual student development.

Lecture set on race relations activist who was often overlooked

Oklahoma State University-Tulsa professor Andrew Rosa will explore the fascinating life of St. Clair Drake, a scholar and political activist, during his lecture “In the Service of God, Race and Man” on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the OSU-Tulsa Conference Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. Though often overlooked, Drake was a major figure in the history of American sociology and the sociology of race relations. He was responsible for establishing Stanford University’s first department of African and African American Studies. He is known for his research on African people in Africa and other parts of the world. Rosa’s lecture is part of the new Faculty Research Excellence Series presented by the OSU-Tulsa Library. OSU-Tulsa is located just north of downtown at 700 N. Greenwood Avenue, near I-244 and Detroit Avenue. To learn more, call 918-594-8000.

Emerging infectious diseases topic of pet care seminar tomorrow

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. A question and answer period will follow the 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.

Upcoming lecture spotlights colonial America and the future of democracy (note new time)

Dr. Jason Maloy speaks on "Colonial American Political Thought and the Future of Democracy" at the next Friend of the Forms, Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. in room 122 of the Classroom Building. Maloy is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Let's Talk About It: "Sundown"

"Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma" is a four-part reading and discussion program presented by the OSU Library and Stillwater Public Library. The second session in the series is set for the Stillwater Public Library, room 309 on Wednesday Oct. 4, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Dr. Bill Corbett, NSU professor of history, will present the book "Sundown" by John Joseph Matthews. For more information call 405-372-3633.

Mental health education program

"In Our Own Voices: Living with Mental Illness" is a presentation on recovery education to help people understand how those with serious mental illnesses cope with the problem while reclaiming productive lives. This mental health education program is set for Thursday Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the living room of Stout Hall. The program is free and open to the OSU community as part of National Mental Illness Awareness Week. It is sponsored by the North-Central Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, OSU Student Counseling Services and the OSU Department of Residential Life.

OSU Music Department to hold benefit concert this week

The OSU Department of Music will hold a benefit concert Thursday, Oct. 5, starting at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts. Proceeds will benefit Bridgette and Brent Wheatley, who have amassed significant hospital expenses as they seek treatment for Brent in his fight against Metastatic Melanoma. Bridgette is a staffer in the Music Department. The program will include performances by the department's string, woodwind, brass, piano, and voice faculty and their students. The OSU Drum Line will also play. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door. Donations beyond the purchase of tickets are gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact Laura Talbott at 744-8993 or e-mail laura.talbott@okstate.edu.

Faculty/staff blood drive this week

The annual American Red Cross OSU Staff and Faculty Blood Drive will be held this Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Starlight Terrace. To schedule a specific time to donate blood, please phone 744-8474. All donors will receive a fleece scarf and a chance to win a Framed Autographed OSU, OU, or TU T-shirt plus a chance to attend an exclusive "Meet and Greet" with Oklahoma Sports Legends.

Cooking Demonstration Series – Seretean Wellness Center

A few spots still remain for the 16th Annual Cooking Demonstration Series at the Seretean Wellness Center. All classes will be held in the Seretean Wellness Center Kitchen. The first class, Fall Comfort Foods, will be held Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., and the cost is \$25. The second class, Holiday Appetizers, is Dec. 7 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20. To register or for questions, contact Elizabeth Lohrman at the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, (405) 744-6927.

Join in the 60th Anniversary celebration for OSU's Rodeo Club

The OSU Rodeo Club is celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a variety of family-fun events. A downtown

parade will kick off the celebration on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m., followed by a chuckwagon dinner from 3-5 p.m. The Chuckwagon Races begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Invitational “Ride for the Brand” Ranch Rodeo at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for the dinner and all the entertainment. Children 12 and under are free and if you want to enjoy just the Ranch Rodeo, the cost is \$7. If you have any questions, please email info@okstaterodeo.org or call 405-372-8330. A reception is scheduled for all former Rodeo Club members and their families at the Best Western in Stillwater on Friday, Oct, 6.

Next development workshop set, register now

The Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ITLE) will host the second module of the Early-Career Faculty Development Series with a workshop entitled “Faculty who have succeeded at various places on the continuum (PANEL)”, on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (lunch provided), in room 102 ATRC. Dr. Alan Cheville, associate professor of engineering, and Dr. John Gelder, professor of chemistry, will be the panel leaders. Sign up at http://fp.okstate.edu/fsc/ECFD_workshop_2.htm. For the entire 2006-2007 Series lineup, see <http://itle.okstate.edu/FD/early.htm> (then click on Early Career Faculty Development Programs).

Wellness tip: Bottled water blues

Used properly, fluoride strengthens teeth and prevents cavities. Most children and adults get their fluoride from the water they drink. Widespread use of bottled water, which is usually low in fluoride, may be starting to contribute to a cavity “comeback.” So drink more city water or discuss alternatives with your dentist. 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).