

October 11, 2006

Fall Convocation tomorrow

All students, faculty and staff are invited to the OSU Fall Convocation tomorrow (Thursday) at 4 p.m. in Click Hall at the OSU Alumni Center. System CEO and President David Schmidly will discuss recent achievements and current issues and recognize Regents Distinguished Teaching Award winners and the Regents Distinguished Research Award winners. This is a great opportunity to get a look into where we're headed and acknowledge individuals who strive for excellence at OSU.

Cyber crime fighter on hand for OSU-Okmulgee technology showcase

One of America's legendary cyber crime fighters will be the guest speaker during OSU-Okmulgee's 11th Annual Advancing Technology Showcase tomorrow (Thursday, Oct. 12). Supervisory Special Agent Jim Christy, director of the government's Defense Cyber Crime Institute, will be talking about his experiences in tracking cyber criminals and bringing them to justice. Special Agent Christy will be presenting at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. in the Covelle Hall Auditorium. The campus-wide showcase, held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., offers a chance to learn about OSU-Okmulgee's educational programs through a variety of exhibits and demonstrations for more than 6,000 middle school, high school and Career Technology Center students from across Oklahoma.

Women in Higher Ed conference coming

The second annual Oklahoma Women in Higher Education conference will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Registration forms are available in the Provost's office and the registration deadline is October 19. You can also print off a registration form by going to <http://osu.okstate.edu/acadaffr/owheweb/index.htm> and clicking on the "registration" link.

OSU students are Mortar Board scholarship winners

Congratulations to six students who have been awarded scholarships by the Mortar Board Calendar for positively influencing their friends by being a role model for them. The winners of "My Friend is a Role Model" scholarships are Jennifer N. Moore, Chris Gillaspie, Angela Baker, Rikki Jones, Dana Wolf and Chris Young. These individuals were chosen because they uphold the ideals of Mortar Board – scholarship, leadership and service – in their daily life.

Health/Dental/Vision employee information sessions

There is still time (tomorrow) to attend an employee information session to learn more about the different health care plans. Benefits vendors, including the State Insurance Board and Community Care, will be on campus to present 2007 benefit information to employees. More information can be found on the web at www.okstate.edu/osu_per. Questions? Call Employee Services, (405) 744-5449.

The next information sessions are Thursday, Oct. 12, in room 415 Student Union during the following times: 9 - 10 a.m.; 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.; 1 - 2 p.m.; 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Houston & Houston Wealth Management to present new option for OSU 403(b) Retirement Plan

Houston & Houston will introduce themselves as an OSU provider, along with David E. Connelly Jr., principal of Symmetry Partners, as they host an educational seminar on a singular approach to investing called Symmetry Portfolio. The seminar is Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. RSVP requested (405) 372-1700.

Fast Horse family to provide unique Native American experience

Ash and Reuben Fast Horse from the Minnesota-based Lakota tribe will offer a unique performance Thursday, Oct. 12, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Student Union Theater, and admission is free. Their performance focuses on the evolution of native music and dance; its similarities with, and influences on other cultures. They express

their passion through poetry, magic, humor, storytelling, song and dance. Both practice their art as a way to keep their heritage alive and to inform the public about the history of the Native American people. For more information, go to www.houseofwally.com/fh.htm or contact Cultural and Social Issues Committee Chair Ashley Carlisle at (214) 533-8772.

Series to spotlight race, reproductive politics

“Race and Reproduction,” a series presented by the OSU Women’s Studies Program and OSU Women’s Programs, kicks off Thursday, Oct. 12, with a screening and discussion of the film, “Just Another Girl on the IRT,” led by Demetria Shabazz, OSU assistant professor of English. The free event from 5 – 7 p.m. in 303 Morrill Hall is the first of three slated this fall as part of the series that will explore the link between the history of race relations and the history of reproductive politics in the United States. Upcoming presenters include author/activist Loretta Ross and award-winning documentary filmmaker Shosh Shlam. For more information, see here .

Old Central haunted house this Friday

The popular haunted house at Old Central returns Friday, Oct. 13, with a “child-friendly” tour of Old Central starting at 8 p.m. Then, from 10 p.m. – midnight, the rating is PG-13 for scary. Admission is free. For more information, contact Jeff Chapman (918) 440-4106 or Linda Smith (405) 744-2828 at the Oklahoma Historical Society or visit: <http://osunet.okstate.edu/suab/activities.asp> .

Gallagher-Iba site of Native American powwow on Saturday

Combining what were previously fall and spring powwows into one large celebration, the Native American Student Association will host the OSU Fall Powwow from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 in Gallagher-Iba Arena. The event is free and open to the public and will include traditional American Indian dancing, drumming and other cultural activities. And an authentic American Indian dinner will be provided. Sponsors include OSU’s Student Government Association, Ketchum House, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce and Tulsa’s Cherokee Casino. Visit NASA’s website for more information.

Assistive Technology Demo Day ahead

Find out about the assistive technologies for computer that are making life more accessible for people with disabilities by attending one or more training sessions during Assistive Technology Demo Day on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 408 of the Classroom Building. OSU Student Disability Services, in partnership with OSU Information Technology and Oklahoma AbleTech, will be offering free training on software packages to students, faculty, and staff of OSU and its branch campuses. In addition, members of the community, Oklahoma A&M campuses, technology managers, and other interested parties are welcome to attend. Demonstration CD’s, free copies of the Microsoft Accessibility toolkit, hardware demonstrations, and product literature will also be available. Space is limited, so sign-up now. Come for the whole day or stay for only the software session that interests you. A list of the sessions is available on the Assistive Technology website at <http://access.it.okstate.edu> or simply give us a call or e-mail, and we’ll be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please RSVP to accessibility@okstate.edu or (405) 744-2024.

Wellness Wednesday – “All about Addictions”

Join Dr. Rod Purdie as he discusses various types of addictions and why they occur. Addictions can have both physical and psychological effects and come in a variety of forms. Examples of addiction include alcoholism, gambling, drug use, and even computer addiction. Join Dr. Purdie as he discusses the symptoms of an addiction, available treatments, and resources that can be utilized. The program will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, from noon – 1 p.m., in the lecture hall at the Seretean Wellness Center. A free heart-healthy lunch will be included. A vegetarian option is available upon request. You must pre-register for this program by Monday, Oct. 16, at noon. To register, contact the Seretean Wellness Center at 744.WELL (9355) or e-mail Kendria Cost, kendria.cost@okstate.edu.

Diversity as a learning goal, faculty invited to assist

One of OSU's general education learning goals is that students will "understand and respect diversity in people, beliefs and societies." A group of faculty members has been working to develop an across-the-curriculum rubric to assess students' achievement of this learning goal. They are inviting other faculty to join them Thursday, Oct. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 101 Wes Watkins Center to discuss their work, help identify or develop course assignments and provide samples of student work for assessment. Lunch will be provided. Interested faculty should register by calling 744-6687 or e-mail pam.bowers@okstate.edu.

Visiting professor to speak on making classrooms great places to learn

Dr. Beth Doll, professor of school psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will present "Resilient Classrooms: Great Places to Learn" on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. in Student Union room 413. Doll is visiting OSU as part of the Big-12 Faculty Program. Everyone is invited to attend her presentation.

Surveys will help with Student Union improvements

As part of its strategic planning effort to enhance facilities and services, the OSU Student Union has distributed two surveys to a random sample of students, faculty and staff. One is to help determine campus needs and desires regarding possible facility improvements and the other involves campus dining. If you received one of the surveys, please share your feedback. It is important the Student Union hears from the campus.

Wellness tip: Nutrition quackery

Terms often associated with nutrition quackery include miraculous, breakthrough, exclusive, limited-time offer, secret, unique, effortless, overnight, instant, and magic. Our registered dietitian recommends exercising judgment and asking questions before buying any nutrition product or program. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! 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).