

October 16, 2005

“Forever Orange” Homecoming week ahead

Be sure to enjoy Harvest Carnival, one of Homecoming’s oldest traditions. The event, which began in 1913, is an old-fashioned carnival for children. This year, both the carnival and the Chili Cook-Off will be held at the Payne County Expo Center tomorrow (Tuesday) from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Activities include Pete’s sleeping sheep, a pie toss, pumpkin bowling and a moon bounce. It’s a good time for the whole family. Carnival entry is 25 cents for one ticket and a canned food item for two. The food collected will be donated to Harvest II. Here’s a glimpse at other activities the first part of the week. For more information about all the week’s activities, visit www.orangeconnection.org your connection to America’s Greatest Homecoming Celebration!

Monday, Oct. 16

Sign competition ~ Library Lawn/Student Union

Residential Life Bash ~ Colvin Center Annex ~ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Harvest Carnival & Chili Cook-off ~ Payne County Expo Center ~ 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

H2O Tailgate ~ Library Lawn ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Street Painting ~ Hester Street ~ 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19

Orange Reflection ~ Residential Halls

Assistive Technology Demo Day tomorrow

It’s Disability Awareness Week and you can find out about the week’s activities by going to <http://sds.okstate.edu/content/view/169/2/>. One activity, Assistive Technology Demo Day, is tomorrow. It highlights assistive technologies for computers that are making life more accessible for people with disabilities. You’re invited to attend one or more training sessions during Assistive Technology Demo Day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow in room 408 of the Classroom Building. A list of the demo day sessions is available at <http://access.it.okstate.edu> <<http://access.it.okstate.edu/>> . Please RSVP by calling (405) 744-2024 or e-mail accessibility@okstate.edu. This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it. Come for the whole day or stay for only the software session that interests you.

Vet Center and foundation dedicate new lab

OSU’s Center for Veterinary Health Sciences has dedicated a new biosafety level 3 laboratory facility, recognizing the Presbyterian Health Foundation for its investment in veterinary medical research at OSU. The result of a partnership marked by the Foundation’s \$1 million gift to the Veterinary Center, the state-of-the-art facility greatly expands capabilities for biodefense and emerging infectious disease research and is also available to scientists at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. The new facility is also expected to support competition by OSU veterinary researchers for new grants and contracts, potentially increasing the flow of research dollars into the state. [Click here](#) for more details.

Testing Center making move

The OSU Testing Center is moving from its current location in North Murray to the newly renovated University Assessment and Testing Building at the corner of Walnut St. and Admiral Ave. The Testing Center will be closed during the move today (Monday) and tomorrow (Tuesday) and will reopen for testing on the 18th. Handicap parking is available in staff lot #48, on the East side of the building. The new building has been added to the campus parking map, available online at <http://www.parking.okstate.edu/ParkingMap.pdf> . For more information, please call the department at 744-6687.

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.

“Who wants to be an Entrepreneur?” workshop

Register now for this educational workshop for young entrepreneurs, set for Oct. 27 at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. It features instruction from top business professionals, entrepreneurs, service providers and investors with experience in a variety of knowledge areas that are critical for the emerging technology-based company. There is no fee to attend this workshop, although registration is required. To register, please visit the Oklahoma EPSCoR website at www.okeysco.org/events.htm . Deadline for pre-registration is Oct. 17. Participants are encouraged to register by this deadline to ensure seating and to be included in the printed materials.

U.S. - Mexican trade relations topic of Global Briefing on Thursday

Xavier Neira, chairman of the State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, will speak at the Global Briefing Series hosted by the School of International Studies at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 in the Wes Watkins Center Auditorium. Neira is vice president of special projects for Rooney Holdings, Inc., a privately held corporation in Oklahoma. His community involvement includes the Advancement of Hispanic Students in Higher Education Task Force and the State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He was previously Chairman of the Board for both the Greater Tulsa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce. Neira was born in Mexico and holds a B.S. degree from Texas A&M University. This event is free and open to the public. A reception follows.

Trombones to take center stage for the Noon Concert Series at the library

The second of four sessions in the noon concert series will feature students on trombones from the OSU Music Department, Thursday, Oct. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich room of the Edmon Low Library. This performance is free and open to the public. Call (405) 744-7331 for more information.

OSU Library launches “O-STATE Stories”

“O-State Stories” is an oral history project of the OSU Library in an effort to record and preserve our many OSU experiences. Modeled after the StoryCorps program featured on National Public Radio, two friends or family members will interview each other about their time at OSU. During Homecoming 2006, O-State Stories will focus on the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College years. We invite you to come share your memories from the OAMC era. Call (405) 744-6322 for more information and to schedule a time to share your story. You can also visit www.library.okstate.edu/scua/collect/ostatestories/ <<http://www.library.okstate.edu/scua/collect/ostatestories/>> for more information.

Mentoring author to keynote fall forum

Susan Weinberger, an author and internationally known consultant on youth mentoring, will deliver the keynote

address Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the 18th annual Fall Forum for Local Education Foundations, sponsored by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. Weinberger, also known as “Dr. Mentor,” will speak on “Mentoring: A Sound Investment” at 12:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp. Ave. in Norman. She will also lead three mentoring-track sessions. Fall Forum registration is \$60. For the first time this year, college students may attend the forum sessions for free, but must pay \$20 if they plan to attend the luncheon. For more information or a registration form, visit the foundation’s Web site, www.ofe.org , or call (405) 236-0006.

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 Thursday, Oct. 19. You can also print off a registration form by going to <http://osu.ok-state.edu/acadaffr/owheweb/index.htm> and clicking on the “registration” link.

Concert to benefit war torn children of Uganda on Friday

Sigma Phi Epsilon, Omega Phi Alpha and Brothers Under Christ are sponsoring “Discover The Unseen: Invisible Children Benefit Concert” from 6 – 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, on the south library lawn at OSU. The Concert, starring Stephen Speaks, Hero Factor, Fresh Sunday and Vanadine will raise money for Invisible Children Inc. an organization that is seeking to provide a safe zone in the city of Gulu for children who walk there trying to avoid being kidnapped by the rebel army that is attempting to overthrow the government. For more information, phone (405) 614-0735.

Taco eating contest to raise money for camp for terminally ill kids

The Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity is sponsoring “ the craziest taco eating event to ever hit Stillwater” with \$100 cash prizes for the female and the male winners and \$200 for the first place fraternity and sorority teams. Everyone is invited to participate Friday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 11:30 p.m. at The Phi Kappa Tau House, 1203 west 3rd. There will also be a live performance by Stillwater’s own REIDO. Sponsored by Qdoba Mexican Grill (the taco supplier), it’s only \$5 for all the tacos you can eat in 93.7 seconds. All proceeds go to The Hole In the Wall Gang Camps for terminally ill children.

The 2006 Homecoming Commemorative Program on sale now

The Homecoming Commemorative Program is a new addition to Homecoming this year. The 40-page program contains information on Homecoming’s history, royalty, parade and campus organizations. It also features a tribute to the Class of 1956 and sneak peaks at the house decs so you can get the inside scoop on the meaning behind each groups design. It will be a great way to remember the events and memories from Homecoming 2006.

Copies of the 2006 Commemorative Program will be on sale for \$3 at:

- Chi-O Clock, Oct. 16-20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Harvest Carnival and Chili Cook-off, Oct. 17, 5:15-8:30 p.m.
- Alumni Registration, Oct. 20, 4:00 p.m. - Walkaround, Oct. 21, noon - 3 p.m.
- Walkaround, Oct. 20, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 - Willard
 - 6th and Washington
 - Monroe and University
- Sea of Orange Parade, Oct. 21, People will be walking around with copies