

**April 10, 2007**

**OSU grad students to unveil revitalization plans for downtown Stillwater**

OSU business and political science master's level students will present four different plans for enhancing downtown Stillwater at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the public library. Sponsored by the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University, the class was designed to provide the students the opportunity to provide an action plan for solving a real-world problem that impacts businesses, the Stillwater community and OSU. The instructor of the course, John Mowen, a Regents Professor in marketing, divided students into four teams charged with the task of developing a creative, but workable, strategic plan for revitalizing downtown Stillwater. The students met with stakeholder groups, visited similar cities and identified key factors for revitalization. The public and interested individuals are invited to attend the presentations. Contact Janice Analla for more information (405) 744-2951.

**KOSU student reporter receives regional Murrow Award**

Cami Stinson, OSU public relations senior and student worker at KOSU Oklahoma Public Radio, received a Regional Edward R Murrow Award from the Radio Television News Directors Association. She received the Murrow award for feature reporting with a story titled "College Students Face Facebook." KOSU staff received five awards total for hard news, news documentary, news series and sports reporting. "I'm thrilled with the excellence our reporters provide to listeners," said General Manager Craig Beeby. "We were so excited to hear about Cami's win. This award demonstrates that KOSU is a great teaching laboratory for students." Regional winners automatically become eligible for the national awards competition, which will be judged in early June.

**OSU grad receives NSF Fellowship**

Elizabeth Casey, a biosystems engineering major from Tulsa, was recently named the recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. She graduated with a bachelor's degree last December and currently attends Purdue University where she is pursuing a master's degree in agricultural and biological engineering. Her research proposal was to improve the production of ethanol from agricultural waste. Casey will receive a \$30,000 stipend each year for the three-year program, along with a \$10,000 tuition allotment. She said she believes her application was strong because of the research experience she gained at OSU. Following the completion of her master's degree, Casey plans to pursue a career in some area of ethanol production.

**Assistant secretary of the Navy to speak here Thursday**

Dr. Delores Etter, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition, will present "Unexpected Paths in My Career," an informal seminar for students at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in room 102 ATRC. Etter, who is originally from Oklahoma, was the first recipient of the Office of Naval Research Distinguished Chair in Science and Technology. Her academic interests were in digital signal processing and communications. She also served as deputy under secretary of defense for science and technology and as the principal U.S. representative to the NATO Research and Technology Board. She was responsible for the Defense Modeling and Simulation

Organization and the senior civilian in charge of the Defense department's high-energy laser research program. For more information on Etter, go to <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/bios/navybio.asp?bioID=323> and <http://www.primsmagazine.org/mar03/ranks.cfm>

### **Stanford professor to speak on Galapagos and Darwin**

Dr. William H. Durham will present "Galapagos Today: How Our Conservation Challenges Confirm Darwin's Theory," on Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m. in room 313 of the Classroom Building. Durham is the chair of Anthropological Sciences, professor of Anthropological Sciences and Human Biology, Bing Professor of Human Biology at Stanford University. He is also a winner of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the OSU Philosophy Department by telephone: 744-0487, e-mail: [philo@okstate.edu](mailto:philo@okstate.edu) or visit the web page: <http://philosophy.okstate.edu> <<http://philosophy.okstate.edu/>>. Durham's presentation is sponsored by Scholar Development and Recognition with the support of Friends of the Forms.

### **Veterinary Center hosts 11th annual Phi Zeta Research Day**

OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences recently hosted the 11th Annual Phi Zeta Research Day. Candidates representing three different categories (post doctoral, graduate/resident/intern, or DVM student) presented Basic Science Research, Applied or Clinical Research, and/or Clinical Case Studies before a panel of judges. Nikita Mirajkar won for best overall presentation. First place winners in the various categories included Anamika Ray, Anuradha Nallapaneni, Yongbin Zhang, Shane Porter, Emily Harison and Keri Franco. For complete details on these presentations and a full list of inductees and new honorary members, click here <http://www.cvm.okstate.edu/applets/iNP/view.asp?ID=200> .

### **Shell president to address energy security**

John Hofmeister, president of Houston-based Shell Oil Company, will speak on U.S. Energy Security during a Tulsa Business Forum luncheon at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel on Wednesday, April 25 from noon to 1:30 p.m. As president of Shell since 2005, Hofmeister heads the U.S. Country Leadership Team, which includes the leaders of all Shell businesses operating in the United States. The Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University hosts the Tulsa Business Forum series. For more information, contact Karen Ward by calling toll free 1-866-678-3933 or emailing [cepd@okstate.edu](mailto:cepd@okstate.edu). You can also register online by visiting the Center for Executive and Professional Development website at [www.cepd.okstate.edu](http://www.cepd.okstate.edu) <<http://www.cepd.okstate.edu/>> .

### **Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night at Cowboy baseball game Friday**

OSU Athletics is sponsoring a university faculty/staff appreciation night Friday at the 6:30 p.m. baseball game at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium in Stillwater. Free admission is available to all faculty and staff with their OSU ID. Come support the Cowboys as they host the Kansas State Wildcats at OSU. The series against Kansas State will conclude on Sunday at 1 p.m. Also, find your Staff Appreciation Day lunch ticket in the mail and plan to join in the fun on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on the Willard lawn and

terrace.

### **Spring Sing taking shape**

Eleven sorority and fraternity houses have paired up to compete in this year's Spring Sing set for Saturday, April 21, at Gallagher-Iba Arena. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and the Broadway type show that benefits Coaches vs. Cancer will start at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Imagine" and every group will have to incorporate one Beatles song into their lineup of songs. This 42nd year of Spring Sing also falls on Mom's Day at OSU. The tickets will be \$10 if you purchase them before the show and \$12 at the door. Tickets will also be available at the Student Union Hub.

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### **OSU to host Nobel Prize winner**

Nobel Prize winning chemist Roald Hoffman will give two lectures at OSU Thursday, April 12. The first is a technical lecture "The Chemical Imagination at Work in Very Tight Places," set for 3 p.m. in 106 Noble Research Center. The second is a non-technical lecture "Making Things, Changing Things," set for 7 p.m. at the Student Union Theater. Known for his ability to communicate the importance of science to general audiences, Hoffman is also an accomplished author, poet and playwright. Hoffman's lectures are the latest installment of the OSU Regents Professors Speaker Series.

### **Annual plant sale this weekend**

The 32nd Annual OSU Horticulture Club Plant Sale at the OSU Teaching Greenhouses is this Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. For a list of the plant material available, please visit the web site:

<http://home.okstate.edu/Okstate/dasnr/hort/hortlahome.nsf/toc/plantsale>. The rain date is set for Sunday, April 15. In case of rain or for other questions, please call 744-5414.

### **It's Disability Awareness Week at OSU**

Oklahoma State University Student Disability Services is hosting Disability Awareness Week April 9-13 in an attempt to increase the university community's awareness of different disabilities and the services provided by the SDS office. The Wheelchair Basketball Bash starts at 7 p.m. tonight in Gallagher-Iba (tickets and T-shirts available at 315 Student Union). On Wednesday, attend the presentation "Working With People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing" at 10 a.m. in Student Union 412. The week will wrap up with a Resource Fair on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby tables area. For more details, contact the SDS office at (405) 744-7116.

### **Student Employee Appreciation Week**

Oklahoma State University and the Stillwater community are officially recognizing April 8 -14 as "Student Employee Appreciation Week" and the O.S.U. Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and O.S.U. Career Services are co-sponsoring events to help celebrate

student employment campus-wide. Through Thursday of this week, students can grab a refreshing drink between classes at a table that will be set up in front of the Chi-O clock from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as a special “thank you” from the University and community. The Student Employee of the Year reception, which will include all of this year’s nominees, is set for this Friday, April 13, at 3 p.m. in Willard Hall. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration by doing something special to show gratitude for their student employees.

### **Executive Briefing: Search with Success**

The spring Executive Briefing features a panel to present and lead discussion on “Search with Success: Correctly Hiring the Right Person.” Discussion will include a search process overview, what you can do to improve diversity, the academic perspective, problems, pitfalls and penalties with a focus on EEO and legal issues. The program is designed for executive leaders including the president, vice presidents, deans, directors, department heads and anyone involved in the search process for faculty and staff positions. The program counts toward 2.5 hours of Leadership Development or Advanced Leadership Program elective hours. No advanced registration is necessary. The Executive Briefing is set for Wednesday, April 11, 1:30 – 4 p.m. in room 408 of the Student Union.

### **OSU-OKC Farmers’ Market hosts Spring Celebration**

OSU-Oklahoma City will host “A Spring Celebration” on Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to kick off the 2007 outdoor season of the OSU-OKC Farmers’ Market at the OSU-OKC Horticulture Pavilion, 400 N. Portland Ave. Visitors can purchase locally grown fresh produce from the OSU-OKC Farmers’ Market, adopt a new pet from the No More Homeless Pets in Oklahoma Super Pet Adoption, and spruce up their gardens with bedding plants grown by the OSU-OKC Horticulture Department. There will also be live entertainment featuring local musician Carter Sampson and door prizes. In addition to the day’s events, the Horticulture Center gardens and greenhouses will be open to visitors. Event parking and admission are free. For more information, call (405) 945-3358 or visit [www.osuokc.edu/farmersmarket](http://www.osuokc.edu/farmersmarket) <<http://www.osuokc.edu/farmersmarket>> .

### **Publisher to deliver 20th annual Paul Miller Lecture series**

James O. Goodwin, the publisher of the Oklahoma Eagle, the first and only newspaper to exclusively serve the black community in Tulsa, will deliver the 20th annual Paul Miller Lecturer this Friday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Theatre. The lecture is free and open to the public. Contact Tom Weir, director of the Paul Miller School of Journalism and Broadcasting, at (405) 744-7676, [tom.weir@okstate.edu](mailto:tom.weir@okstate.edu) for more information.

### **“The Dust Bowl’s Lasting Legacy” with Timothy Egan**

You are invited to a discussion and book signing with Timothy Egan, winner of the 2006 National Book Award for “The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl.” The event is Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room, Edmon Low Library. It is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase. This event is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of

Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. It is co-sponsored by the Kirkpatrick Foundation.

### **Dean's Lecture Series to feature noted technology consultant**

Greg Tananbaum will be the featured speaker in the next installment of the Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series at the OSU Library. The public forum is April 16, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room, Edmon Low Library. The presentation is titled "Scholarly Communication 2.OH! New Models of Publishing and Library Services." This event is free and open to the public. Tananbaum will discuss the current scholarly communication landscape and how to best define Web 2.0 within the context of that landscape. He will also discuss the limits of Web 2.0 as it pertains to scholarly communication, and what the future might hold.

### **Scholarship fundraising event set for El Tapatio**

The OSU Hispanic faculty and staff will be hosting an "Eat at El Tapatio Fundraising Event" Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18, from 4 – 10 p.m. When you arrive tell your server that you are there to support the HFSA Scholarship and a percentage of what you spend that night will go toward the OSU Hispanic Faculty and Staff Scholarship fund. If you have any questions or want to contribute toward the scholarship please call Patricia Alexander (HFSA president) at 744-7591 or Carolyn Hernandez (HFSA treasurer) at 744-5371.

### **Management and professional development seminars**

For the latest list of management and professional development seminars offered by the Spears School of Business, click here

[<http://spears.okstate.edu/cepd/content/openprograms/pdseminars.php> .](http://spears.okstate.edu/cepd/content/openprograms/pdseminars.php)

### **Seretean Wellness Center cooking demonstration - light and healthy Asian cooking, April 13**

Join Swee Kong and Louise Martin on April 13 at noon as part of the Seretean Wellness Center Cooking Demonstration Series. The "Light and Healthy Asian Cooking" menu includes edamame (steamed fresh soybeans), pork wonton with dipping sauce, Szechuan-style kung pao chicken, tom yum soup with shrimp, and steamed rice. Cost to attend is \$20 per person and includes the demonstration, recipes and lunch. To register, please contact Elizabeth Lohrman at 744-6927 or [ej.lohrman@okstate.edu](mailto:ej.lohrman@okstate.edu)

### **Wellness Wednesday, April 18 – Work safer, not harder**

Work Safer, Not Harder! Join Pam Wimberley, CTRS, PT and Sherril York, Ph.D., CAPE on April 18 from noon – 1 p.m. for a presentation on healthy habits and adaptive tools that make work and home routines safer, not harder. You will learn proper body mechanics for a variety of movements (sitting, standing, reaching, stooping, bending, etc.) and in different environments (desk workstations, tool use, gardening, etc.). In addition, a variety of devices that can help make tasks easier will be on display and explained. These will include keyboard and mouse alternatives, sitting supports, hand tools, daily living aids and much more. A free heart healthy lunch will be served, but you must pre-register by Friday, April 13, at noon. To register, email

[kendria.cost@okstate.edu](mailto:kendria.cost@okstate.edu) or contact the SWC at 744-WELL (9355). Pam Wimberley is a physical therapist <http://wellness.okstate.edu/PT.asp> at the Seretean Wellness Center <http://wellness.okstate.edu/> and Sherril York is the training/outreach coordinator for Oklahoma ABLE Tech <http://www.ok.gov/abletech/> , Oklahoma's Assistive Technology Program.

**Wellness tip: Getting proper sleep**

Can we do without sleep? Not really. A recent report on sleep patterns states that if we miss a few hours of sleep during the week, we must make them up in a relatively short time period - or pay the price in terms of sleep-related ailments, such as a weakened immune system, more colds and flu, grogginess, inability to concentrate, and irritability. 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).