

April 19, 2007

Baseball great to speak tonight

Cal Ripken Jr., baseball's "Iron Man," will give a speech titled "The Ripken Way: The Keys to Perseverance" tonight (Thursday, April 19) at 7 p.m. at Allie P. Reynolds Baseball Stadium with Wes Watkins Center as a rain location. Ripken retired from baseball in October 2001 after 21 seasons with the Baltimore Orioles. His speech is free for OSU students and faculty with a valid university ID and \$5 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the event, or in advance at the OSU Student Union Hub or by calling (405) 744-7400. For more information, click here
http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=620&Itemid=90

CHES to induct Hudecki into Hall of Fame

Phyllis Hudecki, executive director for the Oklahoma Business and Education Coalition, will be inducted into the Oklahoma State University College of Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame during the college's "Celebration of Excellence" tomorrow (Friday, April 20) at the Wes Watkins Center. Hudecki has been involved in the education profession throughout the country since 1971. As executive director for a business-led coalition, she directs efforts to improve and strengthen education in Oklahoma. The organization's initiatives have resulted in higher graduation standards for high school students as well as more rigorous courses of study and rewards for students who participate. Hudecki earned a master's degree from the University of Connecticut, educational specialist degree from the University of Missouri Kansas City, and doctor of education from OSU. For more details, click here
http://ches.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=78&Itemid=1. The "Celebration of Excellence" will also include the naming of top seniors and awarding of scholarships.

OSU physician receives highest ACOOG award

Anita Showalter, D.O., chair and assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, has received the Distinguished Fellow award from the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists. It is the highest award the organization confers on its members and is given for meritorious service and academic achievements that promote the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Showalter is serving her second term on the ACOOG board of trustees, chairs the ad hoc committee for Osteopathic Practices and Principles and serves on the membership and promotions committee. She is helping to develop a curriculum on Osteopathic Practice and Principles for the female patient. Information about OSU Center for Health Sciences is available at www.healthsciences.okstate.edu
<http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu>.

Spears School names outstanding seniors

The Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University recently honored its top seniors for 2007, based on their academic as well as extracurricular accomplishments. The outstanding seniors for 2006-2007, followed by their majors and hometown, include Angela M. Baker, accounting, Oklahoma City; Allison J. Ford, international business, economics and management, Ponca City; Matthew K.W. Givens, finance, Oklahoma City; Sarah M. Haynes, management and psychology, McLoud; Stacy L. Murray, accounting, Ponca City; J. Caleb Newport, accounting and Spanish, Stonewall; Amy E. Noblett, finance and Spanish, Manhattan, Kan.; Michael D. Schultz, management information systems, Coppel, Tex.; Michael A. Spexarth, accounting, Colwich, Kan., and Holly L. Thomas, marketing, Edmond. In addition, Allison J. Ford of Ponca City also received the Raymond D. Thomas Award, which recognizes her as the top senior for 2007 in the Spears School of Business. For a photo of the group, click here
http://spears.okstate.edu/secondary/creator.php?c=/.info_pages/news/pr/spring2007/topseniors.php.

Bennett exhibit opens at Oklahoma History Center

A special exhibit featuring articles from the personal collection of Henry Garland Bennett, former president of Oklahoma A&M (now OSU), is on display on the third floor of the Oklahoma History Center's Higher Education Exhibit Area. Contributions from family members led to the establishment of the collection, which is a project of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Bennett,

the first president to develop a master plan for the campus, was killed in a 1951 plane crash while in Iran for the U.S. State Department. The Oklahoma History Center is located at 2401 N. Laird Ave. in Oklahoma City. For more information, phone (405) 522-5248.

Film to review Chernobyl issues tonight (location change)

ECO-OSU presents at ECO-FILM Project “Chernobyl Heart: The Dark Side of Nuclear Power,” tonight (Thursday, April 19) at 7 p.m. in room 313 Classroom Building (instead of room 106 of NRC). The Chernobyl disaster began on April 26, 1986, and continues even now, given its profound effect on the region. As the debate over alternative energy sources grows as contentious as ever, this Academy Award-winning program offers a wealth of issues to consider. The video also highlights international medical programs created to battle the insidious residual effects of the Chernobyl tragedy. Will be followed by “An Inconvenient Truth” at 8 p.m.

OSU Department of Theatre presenting family musical

The family musical “A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum” is featured this week at the Vivia Locke Theatre in the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts on the OSU-Stillwater Campus with nightly performances as 7:30 p.m. through Saturday. A matinee performance will also be presented on Sunday, April 23, at 2:30 p.m. “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” follows the story of a household slave, Pseudolus, living in early Rome working for, Hero, the son of a very rich family. Hero promises Pseudolus his freedom in return for help in wooing Philia, the virgin courtesan who lives in the brothel next door. The pair launch a series of drastic plans and chaos breaks out as they try to achieve their goals. Tickets range in price from \$8 to \$12. They can be purchased at the OSU Theatre Department Box Office located in the Seretean Center or by phone at (405) 744-9208. For more information about the performance or tickets, contact the OSU Department of Theatre by phone at (405) 744-9208 or visit the Department’s web site at <http://theatre.okstate.edu>.

Cowboy poetry and songs tonight

In honor of National Cowboy Poetry Week, the OSU Library and the OSU Rodeo Club are hosting the 2nd annual Oklahoma Cowboy Poetry and Songs event tonight at 7 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room, Edmon Low Library. The event highlights performances by both professional and amateur musicians. Prizes will be awarded for the best performance in both categories. The event is free and open to the public.

ProLIFE Cancer Benefit Concert tomorrow

OSU Young Democrats are sponsoring a ProLIFE Cancer Benefit Concert featuring 10 bands on Friday, April 20, at the Student Union Little Theater from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. All proceeds from the concert will go to OSU’s Cancer Research Department in Tulsa. Admission is \$5. See facebook event for more details <http://okstate.facebook.com/event.php?eid=2256387821>.

Civil War re-enactment near Old Central cancelled

A Civil War re-enactment planned for this Saturday on the south lawn in front of Old Central has been cancelled. There is a possibility it may be re-scheduled next fall.

OSU student to be on “The Price is Right” tomorrow

OSU Student Christi Avey got a chance to “Come on down!” during her trip to California during spring break. Last word was the taped program was set to air tomorrow, Friday, April 20.

QuickTrip CEO to speak at OSU-Tulsa graduation ceremony

QuickTrip CEO and chair of the Tulsa Metro Chamber Chet Cadieux will be the keynote speaker for this year’s graduation ceremony at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa on Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at The Pavilion at Expo Square. Cadieux, a native Tulsan, heads what is now the 28th largest privately held company in the United States. For the fifth consecutive year, QuickTrip has been included on *Fortune’s* list of “100 Best Companies to Work for in America” and QuickTrip ranked 20th in the nation for 2007. More than 500 OSU-Tulsa undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate in the ceremony. OSU-Tulsa will host a reception for graduates and their guests from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Pavilion which is located in mid-town Tulsa at

4145 E. 21st Street in the Fairgrounds. For more information or directions to the ceremony, call 918-594-8164 or visit www.osu-tulsa.okstate.edu.

Lebanese cultural dinner this evening

The Student Union Activities Board welcomes you to the Lebanese cultural dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Starlite Terrace, (4th floor) Student Union. Food and live entertainment featuring Lebanese culture, \$7.50 per person.

Spring Sing this weekend

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 incorporate one Beatles song into their lineup. 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.

Inaugural "Remember the 10" Run this weekend at OSU

The first "Remember the 10" Run will be held on Saturday, April 21, to commemorate the Jan. 27, 2001, OSU plane crash and raise money for counseling services for students. There will be a 10K, 5K and a one mile fun run so all levels of fitness can participate in this memorial event. Entry fee is \$25 and all participants will receive a T-shirt and a memorial medallion. Visit www.remembertheten.com <<http://www.remembertheten.com/>> for more information about registration, volunteering or sponsorship.

On the calendar...

"Sip for Sight" planned for OSU-Tulsa

Prevent Blindness of Oklahoma will present their 16th annual Sip for Sight fundraiser on Saturday, April 21st from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Main Hall Commons at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa. Allison Dickens, director of financial development at Prevent Blindness of Oklahoma, said proceeds from Sip for Sight help provide free vision screening to thousands of Oklahoma children every year. Dickens said that during the 2005 – 2006 school year, the event provided free vision screenings for more than 185,000 children. The wine tasting gala will feature cuisine from many of Tulsa's finest restaurants and more than 70 different wines will be available for tasting from wineries such as Banfi, The Crossings, Far Niente, Joullian, Osborne, Pommery and Valckenberg. Tickets for the event are \$65 per person. OSU-Tulsa is located at 700 North Greenwood Avenue, near I-244 and Detroit Avenue. For reservation information, call Dickens at 918-496-3484 or visit www.sipforsight.com.

"After Dark" set for Tuesday

Billed as a dynamic and highly energetic one-night event, specifically designed to relate to today's college students, "After Dark" is set for Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in Gallagher-Iba Arena. The speaker is Joe White, former starting defensive tackle for the SMU Mustangs and former Texas A&M coach. Live music will be provided by Matt Wertz and Dave Barnes. For more details, go to www.whatsafterdark.com <<http://www.whatsafterdark.com/>> .

Sports Management Conference

PGA Commissioner Tim Finchem and other professionals in the sports industry will talk about career opportunities at the Sports Management Conference set for Tuesday, April 24, at Wes Watkins Center at OSU-Stillwater from 1 – 3:30 p.m. The Sports Management Conference is an opportunity for OSU students to meet sports industry professionals and learn about the new sports management option in the Spears School of Business. For more information, contact the Center for Executive and Professional Development in the Spears School toll free at 866-678-3933 or by e-mail at cepd@okstate.edu.

Energy conference set for Tulsa

Corporate leaders, policy makers and academicians will address a broad spectrum of issues that impact the nation's energy industry at the "Energy Conference: On the Road to the Future" set for Wednesday, April 25, at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel in Tulsa between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. In addition to the Energy Conference, the

Spears School is hosting the president of Shell Oil Company, John Hofmeister, who is the featured speaker at the Tulsa Business Forum from noon-1:30 p.m. on the same day. For more information, contact the Center for Executive and Professional Development in the Spears School toll free at 866-678-3933 or by e-mail at cepd@okstate.edu.

Liven up dead week with Edgar Cruz <http://www.orgs.okstate.edu/suab/files/dogshow.pdf>

Oklahoma's own finger-style acoustic guitarist extraordinaire, Edgar Cruz, will perform a free concert at the Student Union Theater on Wednesday, April 25, starting at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for the two-hour concert which is open to the public. Cruz has been named Oklahoma's Best Performing Artist / Acoustic Guitarist three years in a row and has received numerous civic acknowledgments for his contributions to charitable events. He is best known for his lively acoustic renditions of Classic Rock hits. For more information call (405) 744-6250. Cruz is sponsored by the OSU Department of Geography as part of the College of Arts & Sciences 2007 Oklahoma Centennial Celebration. <http://www.orgs.okstate.edu/suab/files/dogshow.pdf>

Institute for Dispute Resolution (IDR) – mediation training offered

Conflict resolution skills and communication skills are useful in a variety of settings. The Institute for Dispute Resolution (IDR), housed at the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, will sponsor a series of mediation training seminars. **Basic Civil Mediation Training** will be offered May 3-5 in Oklahoma City and will address negotiation skills and the communication skills essential to conflict resolution. The seminar includes 24 hours of interactive training by Paul Ladehoff, J.D., University Missouri-Columbia Center for Dispute Resolution, and Lynn Malley, J.D., LL.M., Southern Illinois University School of Law. **Advanced Topics: Agricultural Mediation** will be offered May 18-19 in Oklahoma City and contains 16 hours of interactive training. The training will address effective negotiations, confidentiality, working with federal regulations and the dynamics of mediating in commercial/family hybrid cases. For additional information or to register for either of these seminars, call 1-800-248-5465 or go to www.mediation.okstate.edu <http://www.mediation.okstate.edu> .

Cunningham lectures to focus on pacifism, peace-making

"Pacifism and the Christian Tradition: Citizenship, Faith and Peace-Making" is the theme of this year's Clarence and Janet Cunningham lecture series featuring Dr. Joe Volk, former Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee and currently executive director of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. All events will be at the Wesley Foundation, 823 West University: April 24, dinner and lecture at 6:30 p.m.; April 25, breakfast conversation with local Quakers at 8:30 a.m.; and luncheon lecture at noon. All three events are free and the OSU community and wider public are encouraged to attend. The lectures are named in honor of Clarence Cunningham, OSU professor emeritus of chemistry. For further information or reservations, contact Rev. Michael R. Bartley at (405) 880-7194 or (405) 372-5830.

Atekwana scheduled for lecture on advancing earth sciences

Estella Atekwana, Sun Chair of Geology, will be presenting an inaugural lecture, "Advancing Earth Sciences through New Frontiers in Near Surface Geophysics," on Thursday, May 3, from 4-5 p.m. in Case Study 2, room 412 in the Student Union. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tom Wikle at (405) 744-5666, t.wikle@okstate.edu

Wellness tip: Restless Leg Syndrome

Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS) is a disorder that has been making big headlines lately. At rest, the sufferer's legs often feel uncomfortable, and he/she may have a very strong urge to move. If you think you may have RLS, see a health care provider; don't diagnose yourself. Once they have ruled out other conditions and diagnosed you with RLS, it can be managed. Techniques include taking a warm bath before bedtime, sleeping on your side with a pillow between your knees, and avoiding both alcohol and caffeine, especially before going to bed. 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).