

**April 2, 2007**

**OSU-Tulsa student and Iraq war vet earns Truman Scholarship**

An Oklahoma State University-Tulsa student and Iraq war veteran Matt Stiner has been selected as a Truman Scholar, one of the nation's most prestigious national honors. Stiner, from Broken Arrow, is the first Truman Scholar from OSU's Tulsa campus and the 10th from OSU in the past 12 years. The \$30,000 scholarship is awarded to students who are entering public service and is awarded to only about 75 U.S. college juniors every year. "The entire OSU community is proud of what Matt has accomplished for his country and in the classroom," said OSU Interim System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. "His many accomplishments, leadership and vision for the future are inspiring. He is yet another example of the elite work done by students at OSU." In addition to the scholarship, Stiner will also receive leadership training, career and graduate school counseling and special internship opportunities within the federal government. Following graduation, Stiner plans to pursue a master's degree in public administration from the University of Georgia. For more details, [click here](#).

**OSU MBA team takes second in international competition**

A team of four Master of Business Administration students from The Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University placed second among 20 teams competing at the 2007 International MBA Case Competition at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. this month. The OSU team finished just behind the University of Toronto and ahead of the third place winner Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. OSU team members included Mary Nemcok, Blanchard; Alyssa Heath, Tulsa; Jennifer Bruns, Morrision and Michael Tapley, Tulsa. For more details, [click here](#).

**Lecture tonight on addressing internet access problems**

Millions of web users, especially the visually and hearing impaired, find themselves locked out of the wealth of information on the internet due to access problems but there is potential help. Dr. Nicholas Romano Jr., Spears School of Business, will explore the economical, social and legal importance of website accessibility in his lecture "Web Accessibility Research: Disabled Users Still Locked Out" tonight (Thursday, March 29) at 6 p.m. in the OSU-Tulsa Conference Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. During the presentation, Romano will discuss several of the misconceptions, realities and government regulations surrounding the issue. He will also demonstrate software, such as automatic validators and screen readers, that help those with disabilities visit web pages. Romano's lecture is part of the Faculty Research Excellence Series presented by the OSU-Tulsa Library. To learn more, call (918) 594-8000.

**OSU to host AT&T CEO in OKC next week**

OSU will host the man that Forbes credits for building and running the "Company of the Year"—Edward Whitacre, Jr., chairman of the board and CEO of AT&T Inc. He will speak on "The Brand New State of Telecommunications" at an Executive Management Briefing luncheon set for Thursday, April 5 at the National Cowboy Museum in

Oklahoma City. Hosted by the Spears School of Business at OSU, more than 500 are expected to attend. There is still time to register, for more details, [click here](#) .

### **‘Webinar’ to discuss academic advising as a learning experience**

An upcoming web-based seminar will show how academic advising can be an integral part of the educational mission of a university. The so-called "webinar" will provide a foundation for the development of student learning outcomes for academic advising, and will discuss strategies for providing activities and experiences for students to help them achieve learning goals. "Student Learning Outcomes: Evidence of the Teaching and Learning Components of Academic Advising" will be presented on Wednesday, April 4, in 310 MS, at 1–2:30 p.m. For more information, please contact [pam.bowers@okstate.edu](mailto:pam.bowers@okstate.edu) in the Office of University Assessment and Testing, extension (405) 744-6687.

### **American Indian students holding national conference here**

The American Indian Student Leadership Conference has returned to the campus where it began with OSU’s Native American Student Association hosting the event through tomorrow (Friday, March 30). This year’s conference, "Warriors of the New World: Fighting to Promote American Indian Student Leadership," is focusing on leadership on- and off-campus and in the community. Founded at OSU in 1998 to promote leadership development in the Big 12 Conference, it is now a forum for American Indian students from colleges and universities nationwide.

### **Rescheduled King march this weekend in Tulsa**

Students, faculty and staff from the Oklahoma State University System campuses will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by marching in Tulsa’s 20th annual MLK Commemorative Parade on Saturday, March 31. The parade was originally scheduled for mid-January but was postponed due to a winter ice storm. "Dream Keepers: Awake, Energize a New Generation" is the theme for this year’s parade, which begins at 2 p.m. OSU-Tulsa’s Partner in Education, Academy Central Elementary, will join BOB (OSU’s Big Orange Bus) and the OSU marchers in the celebration. Individuals who are interested in participating should gather in the Main Hall Commons at 12:45 p.m. Vans will transport OSU participants to the parade line-up at Pine Street and Cincinnati Avenue. The parade will continue through Tulsa’s historic Greenwood District and the OSU-Tulsa campus. For more information, call Nekki Reagan-Neeley at (918) 594-8234 or Mary Bea Drummond at (918) 594-8223.

### **OSU alum earns place in the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame**

OSU alumna and a women’s rights activist Claudia Tarrington will be inducted into the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the State Capitol set for 4 p.m. today (Thursday, March 29). A reception will follow in the Capitol Rotunda. Tarrington worked as a political activist, government relations specialist and a vigorous advocate for women’s rights, helping to eliminate gender bias in the state legislature. Under her leadership in 1982 the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame reopened. She also led the Commission on the Status of Women for four years. During that period the commission established the Oklahoma Women’s Summit.

### **National Teacher of the Year to speak at OSU Monday**

Kimberly Oliver, the 2006 National Teacher of the Year and Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Linda Hasler-Reid will headline the 17th Annual Celebration of Teaching on Monday, April 2, for Oklahoma State University's College of Education. Oliver, a kindergarten teacher at Broad Acres Elementary school in Silver Spring, Md., will present the keynote address "Best Foot Forward: Putting Students on the Path of Lifelong Learning" at 9 a.m. in the Wes Watkins Center. Her talk is free and open to the public. The celebration is sponsored by OSU, the College of Education, Education Outreach, COE Associates, Oklahoma Teachers of the Year, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

### **Graphic flight simulator to be featured at open house tomorrow**

Oklahoma State University will demonstrate its new graphic flight simulator in the Aviation Sciences program during a special open house on Friday, March 30 from 2 – 3 p.m. in 104 Willard on the Stillwater campus. Students and faculty will demonstrate the MATRIX GFS (graphical flight simulator) and visitors will be able to meet with aviation faculty about the simulator and learn more about OSU's aviation program. FlightSafety International, Simulation Division, delivered the MATRIX GFS to its temporary home in Willard as part of a training and research partnership between FlightSafety and the Aviation and Space Education faculty and staff in the College of Education. FlightSafety is supporting the use of the GFS free of charge for OSU collegiate flight training and research. For more information, contact Terry Hunt, OSU Flight Program manager, at (405) 624-8022, or by e-mail at [terry.hunt@okstate.edu](mailto:terry.hunt@okstate.edu).

### **National leaders to hold interactive session on the future of higher education**

Four national leaders will speak their minds on fundamental issues in higher education - accreditation, assessment, financing (costs and quality), standardization of curriculum, and results of the Spellings Commission report - in a live video conference, "On the Future of Higher Education: Conversation on Critical Issues and Concerns" on Monday, April 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the ITLE Seminar Room. Steve Crow, president of the Higher Learning Commission; Doug Lederman, editor of Inside Higher Education; George Mehaffy, vice president for Academic Leadership and Change, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and Jane Wellman, advisor, Association of Governing Boards will lead the discussion and respond to questions in this interactive session. For more information or to register for the session, please contact [pam.bowers@okstate.edu](mailto:pam.bowers@okstate.edu) in the Office of University Assessment and Testing, extension (405) 744-6687.

### **"It's the Big Event!"**

It's time for the 10th annual Big Event service project at OSU, a student-organized effort to volunteer time to improve the city of Stillwater and say "thank you" to the community for its loyal support for the university. The Student Government Association, sponsor of the Big Event, is encouraging Stillwater residents who would like help with a spring-cleaning job at their home or business to submit a job request form. Any task able to be completed in a single day is eligible. For example, past services performed include painting, yard work and house cleaning. Applications are available in the Student

Government Association office located in 040 Student Union or by calling 744-1288. Job request forms are due by April 6. Students wishing to volunteer their time as an individual or with a group are encouraged to complete volunteer forms. These applications are also available in 040 Student Union or by calling 744-1288. Student Involvement forms are due April 6.

### **Inaugural "Remember the 10" Run to be held on OSU Campus**

The first "Remember the 10" Run will be held on April 21 to commemorate the January 27, 2001 OSU plane crash and raise money for counseling services for students. There will be a 10K, 5K and a 1 mile fun run so all levels of fitness can participate in this memorial event. Entry fee is \$25.00 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.

### **CEO Day set for April 3 at OSU**

Three former Oklahoma State University students who became business leaders will return to the Stillwater campus Tuesday, April 3, to share their experiences and wisdom with students and the public during the fifth annual Spears School of Business CEO Day. Jim Carreker with J.D.C. Holdings in Dallas, John Clerico with ChartMark Investments, Inc., of Tulsa and Tiffany Sewell Howard with The Charles Machine Works, Inc., in Perry have agreed to visit classrooms and field questions from students as well as participate in an afternoon question and answer forum starting at 2 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center auditorium. The afternoon forum, "Critical CEO Issues," is free and open to the public. For more details, [click here](#) .

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

The spring Executive Briefing will offer the choice of one of three sessions and each will feature 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, and department heads. The program counts toward 2.5 hours of Leadership Development or Advanced Leadership Program elective hours. No advanced registration is necessary.

### **Choose one of the following sessions:**

Tuesday, April 3, 9 – 11:30 a.m. in room 102 of the Advanced Technology Research Center;

Wednesday, April 4, 9:30 – noon, room 408 Student Union and

Wednesday, April 11, 1:30 – 4 p.m. in room 408 of the Student Union.

### **"Beauty and the Beast" to benefit OSU Rodeo Team**

The OSU Rodeo Boosters are promising to bring together the prettiest barrel racers and the most daring bull riders from around Oklahoma and surrounding states to compete in the benefit competition known as "2007 Beauty and the Beast" set for April 7 at 6 p.m. at the OSU Rodeo Arena at Lakeview and Western. Boosters hold the benefit to help fund travel and lodging for the OSU Rodeo team, which travels over 4,500 miles a year competing at various National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association sanctioned events. Come and see some great family entertainment while supporting your OSU Cowboys and Cowgirls. The gates open at 5 p.m. with action getting under way at 6 p.m. The first round will start with bull riders pitting themselves against over 1000 pounds of rage for 8 seconds. Then the barrel racers will take center stage as they race for top prize. Finishing off the evening will be more excitement from the bull riders as they see who will go the distance and win the prize money. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 6 get in for free. Also, if you are a member of the military or a first responder, you get in free with valid ID. For more information, visit our web site at [www.okstaterodeo.org](http://www.okstaterodeo.org) or call 405-762-1513.

### **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. The day-long conference is presented by the Spears School of Business at OSU and the Tulsa Metro Chamber. <http://ww3.tulsachamber.com/> The conference will be an exciting opportunity to learn from distinguished leaders across the spectrum of the energy world – from public policy and regulation to the industry itself. 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. Hofmeister will speak on "U.S. Energy Security" and present a three-step plan for how to achieve it. Registration for both the Energy Conference and Tulsa Business Forum featuring John Hofmeister is available online at [www.cepd.okstate.edu](http://www.cepd.okstate.edu) .

### **Students get a free pass to Sports Management Conference**

Interested OSU students can hear PGA Commissioner Tim Finchem and other professionals in the sports industry 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. Exhibitors will also be on site from 12:30 – 4 p.m. to visit with students individually. Registration for the Sports Management Conference is \$10 per person. There is no fee for OSU students to attend; however, space is limited so register early! After registering, OSU students should pick up their tickets at the Student Union Hub. 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](mailto:cepd@okstate.edu).

### **Oklahoma State student connects university to Junior Achievement**

For the first time in more than 10 years, Stillwater Public Schools will have Junior Achievement programs thanks to an Oklahoma State University senior Jack Hedrick. Hedrick, a career and technical education senior from Canadian, Okla., will help in securing funding and volunteers before May 30 to teach more than 2,000 students through Junior Achievement. Hedrick, who serves as district manager of JA for Eastern Oklahoma, is in the process of establishing a local advisory board, securing more than 70 classroom volunteers, as well as funding for the development and sustainability of a local JA office in Stillwater. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring a student for \$31, please contact Jack Hedrick at (918) 406-1754 or by e-mail at [jack@jatulsa.org](mailto:jack@jatulsa.org). For more information about Junior Achievement, go to [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org).

### **ECO-OSU meeting to overview wind power**

ECO-OSU will be hosting Dr. Steve Stadler from the OK Wind Power Initiative Tuesday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. in room 108 of the Classroom Building. The OK Wind Power Initiative provides resources and information about wind power in the state of Oklahoma. It also serves to network stakeholders through outreach activities. For more information, e-mail Kati Gordon at [ecoosu@gmail.com](mailto:ecoosu@gmail.com).

### **Student Foundation applications due this Friday**

Don't forget to submit Student Foundation applications by this Friday, March 30 to Jordan Fraser at the OSU Foundation (corner of Monroe & 5th Street). The Student Foundation is a brand new student organization comprised of undergraduate students who will act as a bridge between the student body and the OSU Foundation, donors and community. This organization is a tremendous outlet for current students to network and build relationships with OSU donors and alumni while directly impacting the fundraising efforts of the university. The Student Foundation will provide opportunities for donor and student interaction and will educate the OSU student body about the impact and importance of charitable giving. For more information or to download an application, please visit [www.osugiving.com/stufu](http://www.osugiving.com/stufu).

### **Feel fear in front of others? There's a free seminar for that**

Tackle performance anxiety with Christine Vitale, sports psychology expert, during a seminar on Sports Psychology and Performance March 31 and April 1 at the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts. Sponsored by the OSU Department of Music String Area and Phi Mu Alpha, the seminar will feature Vitale encouraging participants to apply the techniques used by athletes to overcome their fear of performing in front of others. The seminar will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 31 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 1. It is open to the public and registration is not necessary. For more information, contact Laura Talbott in the music department at [laura.talbott@okstate.edu](mailto:laura.talbott@okstate.edu), or phone (405) 744-8993.

### **OSU Theatre to present "Tape"**

The Oklahoma State University Theatre Department will present a sharp and intriguing glimpse into the minds of three high school friends in the play "Tape" set for the Jerry L. Davis Studio Theatre in Gundersen Hall on the Oklahoma State University campus Tuesday, April 3, through Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on

Saturday, April 7, at 2:30 p.m. Written in 1999, the action takes place in a single hotel room in Lansing, Mich., where three friends from high school happen to reunite. Grim details of the friends' pasts are uncovered and their dark sides are revealed. Contains adult language and subject matter. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the door starting one hour before each performance. For more information about the performances of "Tape" contact the Oklahoma State University Department of Theatre by phone at (405) 744-6094 or visit the department's website at <http://theatre.okstate.edu> .

### **Coaches vs. Cancer to team with Belk**

The OSU Coaches vs. Cancer campaign is participating in the Belk Charity Days event March 30 and 31. Tickets are available for only \$5 each. Each ticket gives you 20% off all regular and sale purchases and enters you in a drawing for a \$1,000 Belk shopping spree. As a special promotion, if you shop between the hours of 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. on March 31, you will also receive \$5 off your purchase of \$5 or more. Tickets are available in the following locations: Janie Rogers - University Academic Services (214 Student Union), Gaye Trivitt - The Center for Executive and Professional Development (215 Spears School of Business), and Kendria Cost - Seretean Wellness Center, 1514 W. Hall of Fame. 100% of the proceeds benefit the OSU Coaches vs Cancer campaign!

### **Allied Artists to present Mark O'Connor Appalachia Waltz Trio**

Mark O'Connor, widely recognized as one of the most gifted contemporary American composers and instrumentalists, will perform the music he created for his Appalachia Waltz Trio on Friday, April 13, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. The trio's 2003 album "Crossing Bridges" features genre-crossing music infused with folk, Celtic and classical shadings. O'Connor, a Grammy Award winner, will showcase his background in both folk fiddle as well as classical violin. Tickets are on sale now and available at the Student Union Hub. For tickets, phone (405) 744-7400. For more information, phone (405) 744-7509.

### **'Relay for Life' to fight cancer**

This year's Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, on the OSU library lawn. The event starts with a dodge ball tournament at 3 p.m. on Friday, followed by the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. This event is a national fund-raiser for the fight against cancer. It is an opportunity to remember and honor those whose lives were taken by cancer and also a chance to celebrate the lives of those who are winning the battle. The event will conclude at 7 a.m. on Saturday. This is a great community service project for anyone who wishes to participate. For more information on the Relay for Life, please feel free to contact Robert O'Neal, Relay for Life committee member, at [robert.oneal@okstate.edu](mailto:robert.oneal@okstate.edu).

### **Stillwater Trash-off '07**

Stillwater Trash-off '07, an annual volunteer litter pick-up event, will start with registration and location assignment at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Moose Lodge, 301 S. Perkins Road. The effort will be capped off with a lunch at noon, which will include prize drawings as well as an award to the group with the most volunteers. In order to be eligible, everyone must register. If you are bringing a group or have any

questions, please contact Doug Gable, environmental programs manager, City of Stillwater, 533-8482.

### **Oklahoma Sustainable Network conference ahead**

Join ECO-OSU and Sustainable Stillwater members at the 6th Annual Oklahoma Sustainable Network conference "Ideas to Action: Envisioning the Next 100 Years in Oklahoma," which will be held at the National Weather Center in Norman April 20-21. The conference will offer resources, networking opportunities, and information on a variety of topics related to sustainability, including farming and agriculture; green building; biofuel, wind and solar energy; business and industry; food; climate change; land use; transportation; religion and ethics; activism; ecological footprints; and the natural environment. For more information, go to [www.oksustainability.org/2007gennews.php](http://www.oksustainability.org/2007gennews.php) . For more information about Sustainable Stillwater activities, go to [www.sustainablestillwater.org](http://www.sustainablestillwater.org) .

### **Stillwater Library Spring Book Sale**

That book you're looking for just might be at the Stillwater Public Library's Spring Book Sale March 30 – April 1 and cost \$1 or less. Children's books are also plentiful. Everyone is welcome and those who go on April 1 will get a bag full of books for just \$1. However, if you want to beat the crowd, pay \$10 (for an annual library membership) on Members Night (March 29) and be among the first to peruse and choose from the latest offerings from 5 – 9 p.m. The location is 1107 S. Duck and the sale hours are: 12 – 8 p.m. on March 30; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on March 31 and 1 – 3 p.m. on April 1. For more information, phone (405) 372-3633.

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

For the latest list of management and professional development seminars offered by the Spears School of Business, [click here](#).

### **SmokeStoppers – April 3 and April 9**

The Seretean Wellness Center will present SmokeStoppers on April 3 at noon and April 9 at 5:15 pm. SmokeStoppers programs have been helping people quit smoking for nearly three decades! If you, or a loved one, have ever wanted to quit smoking, you should attend this session. Both sessions will be held at the Seretean Lecture Hall at the Seretean Wellness Center. The presentation is free, but pre-registration is encouraged. To register, please contact the SWC at 744.WELL (9355). Fact: Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States.

### **Allergies have you down?**

The Employee Health Clinic (EHC) at the Seretean Wellness Center provides prompt, professional, and friendly service. The EHC is available to any OSU employee (including spouses) with HealthChoice Insurance. Services include seasonal allergy problems, treatment of minor and acute illnesses, and dermatology and skin screenings. To schedule an appointment, please call Jenyle at 744-7556. Appointments are generally available within 24 hours.



**Wellness tip: Vegetarian diets and iron**

Are you a vegetarian or mostly a vegetarian? Our registered dietitian recommends consuming plenty of iron rich plant foods such as lentils, kidney beans and black beans, and whole grains. Iron-enriched products such as cereals and breads are also good sources. To enhance iron absorption, consume foods rich in vitamin C too. These include orange juice, green peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, and broccoli. By following these simple guidelines, most non-meat eaters will get enough iron. 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).