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OSU endurance flight among most memorable aviation records of 2006

The record endurance flight by the Dragonfly experimental aircraft designed and built by OSU School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering undergraduates Dustin Gamble and Thomas Hays has been recognized as one of the most memorable aviation records of 2006 by the National Aeronautics Association. The students and their faculty adviser Andy Arena, Maciula Professor of engineering, are featured in a cover story in the March/April edition of "Aero," NAA's bi-monthly magazine. They also will be honored during a June 26 luncheon in Washington, D.C. The Dragonfly's flight of 12 hours, 21 minutes and 40 seconds eclipsed by more than two hours an international record that had stood since 1998. Other 2006 aviation records the NAA has honored include the GlobalFlyer flight around the world, the manned sailplane altitude record of 50,727 ft., an autogyro distance and speed record and a transcontinental general aviation speed record. For more on the Dragonfly, click here

[<http://aerodesign.okstate.edu/projects/Dragonfly%20Page/Dragonfly.htm>](http://aerodesign.okstate.edu/projects/Dragonfly%20Page/Dragonfly.htm) .

OSU Medicine ranked among the best in the nation

The Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine has been ranked 14th in rural medicine and 30th in primary care by U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008." This is the seventh consecutive year the OSU medical school has been ranked among the nation's best by the publication. OSU Medicine ranked 45th in primary care and 20th in rural medicine in the 2007 report. "We are gratified that we continue to be ranked among the nation's finest and that our efforts are recognized as we meet our mission of educating physicians for rural and under-served Oklahoma," said Dr. John Fernandes, president and dean of OSU's medical school. He credits OSU's quality students, talented faculty and dedicated staff for achieving the school's top ranking. More information about OSU Center for Health Sciences is available at www.healthsciences.okstate.edu

[<http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/>](http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/) .

Occupational Education Studies program named in national top ten

U.S. News and World Report has ranked the occupational education studies graduate program in Oklahoma State University's College of Education as one of the Top Ten Vocational/Technical programs in the nation. Rankings are determined by education deans from across the nation based upon quality assessment, student selectivity, faculty resources and research activity. The program has made the magazine's Top 10 since 1998.

CPAs honor Chasteen as Oklahoma Outstanding Educator – again

The Oklahoma Society of CPAs has named Dr. Lanny G. Chasteen, professor of accounting in the School of Accounting at OSU, the Oklahoma Outstanding Educator for 2006-2007. The Oklahoma Accounting Educator Award recognizes distinguished educators for teaching excellence, innovative educational techniques, motivating students, and contributions to the accounting profession. This annual award was presented at the Oklahoma Accounting Educators Conference held in Tulsa. Chasteen is

the first repeat recipient, having also received this award in 1991, its inaugural year.

Cooperative Learning Center founders to be honored at OSU Friday

The men credited with the single most important strategy for improving learning in classrooms and schools in the last 70 years will be honored at OSU in Stillwater on Friday, April 6, at the Brock Symposium on Excellence in Education. David W. Johnson and Roger T. Johnson, 2007 recipients of the Brock International Prize in Education and internationally recognized authorities dedicated to improving student achievement and educational equity, will speak on “Building the Cooperative Classroom and School” at 9:30 a.m. in Willard Hall on the OSU campus. The lecture is free and open to the public. The Johnson brothers, co-directors and founders of the Cooperative Learning Center at the University of Minnesota, will receive \$40,000, a certificate and a sculpted bust of Sequoyah. They are the sixth recipients of the prize.

OSU-Oklahoma City teams are semi-finalists in Governor’s Cup

Two teams from OSU-Oklahoma City are among the 12 undergraduate semi-finalists in the 2007 Donald W. Reynolds Governor’s Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition. They will make their oral presentations during competition’s final phase on April 13-14 in Oklahoma City. One of the products proposed by the OSU semi-finalist teams is called “CaviPump Systems,” which is a technologically advanced “intelligent” oil well pumping system. The other, known as “MDK” would provide an over-the-counter, FDA approved, safe and accurate miscarriage detection kit for women who want to know if they are at high risk or no risk for a miscarriage or premature birth.

Professor honored with lifetime achievement award

Dr. Peter C. Rollins, Regents Professor of English and American Film Studies at Oklahoma State University, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Film and Video Studies Society this past weekend. The award was presented during the 7th annual Conference in Film and Media at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. Rollins, former editor of “Film & History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Film and Television Studies” and the author and editor of 10 books and more than 100 published articles, will retire this May.

Baseball great to speak at OSU

Cal Ripken Jr., baseball’s “Iron Man,” will give a speech titled “The Ripken Way: The Keys to Perseverance” on April 19 at 7 p.m. on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater. The OSU Student Government Association Speaker’s Board will sponsor Ripken’s visit and speech, which is tentatively set for outdoors at Allie P. Reynolds Baseball Stadium, with the OSU Wes Watkins Center auditorium serving as a rain location. Ripken retired from baseball in October 2001 after 21 seasons with the Baltimore Orioles. Ripken’s 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, in advance at the OSU Student Union Hub or by calling (405) 744-7400.

Jazz great to join ensemble for last concert of the season

Oklahoma State University's Jazz Ensembles will join jazz trombonist Slide Hampton to perform the last concert of the season Friday, April 6, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. Hampton, a renowned trombonist, composer and educator, has played with some of the greatest artists in jazz history including Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and others. This performance will showcase works by Gordon Goodwin, Benny Carter, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, Dexter Gordon and many more. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For more information please call the OSU music office at (405) 744-6133, or visit <http://music.okstate.edu>.

Acclaimed architect to detail works during "Architecture Week" at OSU

The winner of the 2007 Academy Award in Architecture, Tom Kundig, will present a free public lecture on his work at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5, in the Student Union Little Theater as part of the OSU School of Architecture's "Architecture Week." Designs by Kundig, a principal in the Seattle firm Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen, successfully combine art, craft and the human experience of space. Internationally recognized for his sense of the American West landscape, he is known for integrating elegant architecture with the exploration and reinvention of parts of architecture that are overlooked or forgotten, such as doors, windows or stairs, and for his use of kinetic architectural elements. Kundig's works have been featured in more than 250 publications worldwide, including several dedicated specifically to his work. In recognizing Kundig with its highest honor this year, the American Academy of Arts and Letters described his work as "characterized by a strong personal direction."

Disability Awareness Week coming to OSU

Oklahoma State University Student Disability Services will host 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. A silent dinner will be held Monday, April 9, at the Salem Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m. (101 S. Duck). An "Accessibility Scavenger Hunt" and a Wheelchair Basketball Bash are set for Wednesday. The Basketball Bash starts at 7 p.m. in Gallagher-Iba (tickets and T-shirts available at 315 Student Union). 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 next 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. From Monday through Thursday of next 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 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 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.

Wes Watkins Distinguished Lectureship welcomes Benjamin A. Gilman

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman will be the featured speaker at the Wes Watkins Distinguished Lectureship on Tuesday, April 10, from 2 -3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Wes Watkins Center in Stillwater. A public reception will follow. The lecture, “The Gilman Scholarship”, will focus on the Gilman Program that offers scholarships similar to the Fulbright but for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in education abroad. Benjamin A. Gilman served as a member of Congress from 1973-2003, representing the people of the 20th District of New York. During his tenure in Congress, he was a member of the U.S. House International Relations Committee and served as its chair from 1995-2003. For more information please call (405)744-5662.

James O. Goodwin 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 on 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 for more information.

Broadcast to focus on getting your partner to pay attention

Dr. David Fournier, Human Development and Family Science professor, will discuss techniques to get your partner to pay attention during a GreenStone Media internet radio program at 7:20 a.m. Thursday, April 5. The 20-minute segment on the “Rolanda” program will be live streamed on the internet. Click on the following link: <http://www.greenstoneradio.com/update/listen.php> and you’ll be able to hear it at the date and time noted.

“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 & Library Services & Arts Midwest.

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 relates to scholarly communication, and what the future might hold.

Transfer incentives to finish at OSU abound—case in point: TCC students

Oklahoma State University offers a variety of complementary tuition assistance programs for students who want to complete a bachelor's degree, including those students attending Tulsa Community College on a Tulsa Achieves scholarship. "OSU applauds TCC's new tuition-free Tulsa Achieves program," said OSU Interim System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. "TCC is a high-quality choice for students who want to remain in Tulsa for their first two years. Thanks to the innovative TCC-OSU dual admission program and other initiatives, OSU is partnering with TCC to make higher education more accessible and affordable through various tuition waivers and scholarship programs for TCC students to complete their four-year degree in Stillwater or Tulsa." The TCC/OSU-Tulsa Transfer Scholarship, the Transfer University Scholarship and the Regents' Distinguished Transfer Scholarship are three examples.

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, adviser, 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 in the Office of University Assessment and Testing, extension (405) 744-6687.

Friends of the Forms lecture on "The God Delusion"

Dr. James Cain, OSU Philosophy Department, will discuss Richard Dawkins' book "The God Delusion" on Monday, April 9, at 3:30 pm in the Student Union, Case Study 1. All lectures are free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact: the OSU Philosophy Department, 308 Hanner Hall, 744-0487, e-mail: philo@okstate.edu, web page: <http://philosophy.okstate.edu> <<http://philosophy.okstate.edu/>> .

"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 Friday, 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 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/>](http://www.remembertheten.com/) for more information about registration, volunteering or sponsorship.

“Beauty and the Beast” to benefit OSU Rodeo Team this weekend

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 this Saturday, 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 the 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 www.okstaterodeo.org [<http://www.okstaterodeo.org/>](http://www.okstaterodeo.org/) or call (405) 762-1513.

Support the OSU Music Department and enjoy great food and music

You can help support the OSU Music Department by eating at Panera Bread in Stillwater on Monday evening, April 16, between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. If at least 50 orders are placed at Panera Bread that evening, the restaurant will donate 10 percent of the total pre-tax sales that evening to the OSU Music Department. (Diners must inform the staff taking food orders they are there to support the OSU Friends of Music.) As a special treat, members of the OSU Choirs will be singing at the restaurant periodically that evening. Funds raised at this event will go to support OSU Choirs, especially the Centennial Chorus. In addition, Panera Bread will hold drawings for free gift certificates and provide delicious samples that evening. This event is sponsored by the OSU Friends of Music, which raises money to fund scholarships, purchase musical instruments, and pay for travel expenses for visiting artists to OSU, among other things. For more information about the OSU Friends of Music, please contact 132 Seretean Center on campus or call (405) 744-8997.

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

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. 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/>](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.

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> [<http://theatre.okstate.edu/>](http://theatre.okstate.edu/) .

Allied Arts 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.

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.

Experts to offer pointers

Tonight's meeting of the Sexual Orientation Diversity Association will feature a man and woman who will discuss dressing up as the opposite sex. The panelists will also perform. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. in room 408 of the Student Union. For more information about the program, contact SODA_OSU@yahoo.com.

"ONE" Conference this weekend

The "ONE" Conference, a conference to focus on the various issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and other sexual orientations college students, is set for Saturday April 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nigh University Center in Edmond. Attendees can participate in 16 free programs over four sessions with topics such as activism, diversity, leadership, relationships, religion and spirituality. A free lunch is also provided. For more information and to register, visit <http://oneconference.eventbrite.com> .

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> .

SmokeStoppers – April 9

The Seretean Wellness Center will present SmokeStoppers on 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 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.

Human Resources and friends lose 250 pounds and offer challenge

OSU campus encourages healthy lifestyles among students, faculty and staff. In January, University Human Resources plus a few friends began a departmental weight-loss program and by the end of the 12-week period, the 22 staff had lost a combined total of exactly 250 pounds! Staff used a variety of weight loss programs to lose weight, and several staff began exercising regularly. The Office of Human Resources challenges campus departments to adopt a healthier lifestyle and beat Human Resources as we begin a second weight loss program April 9.

Wellness tip: Angina pain

Angina is a type of chest pain caused by too little blood flow to the heart muscle. While a heart attack often announces heart disease in men, angina pain is more often an early indicator of heart disease in women. For safety's sake, don't ignore this early warning sign. 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).