

**February 1, 2007**

**Former Black Panther leader to speak at OSU**

Bobby Seale, former chairman and co-founder of the Black Panther Party, USA, will speak about the group's history in a speech titled "Seize the Time" on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center auditorium at Oklahoma State University. The OSU Speakers Board will sponsor the event. Tickets cost \$5 but are free to students, staff and faculty with an OSU ID. In the late '60s, Seale and Huey P. Newton formed the Black Panther Party for Self Defense. The group's members advocated the right to self defense and began to organize a "power to the people" revolution, risking their lives to protest racial discrimination, vicious police brutality and the murders of African Americans. Seale gained international recognition in 1969 as a defendant in the Chicago Eight conspiracy trial. For more information about this event, please call Morgan Pratt at (918) 671-2708.

**Operatic superstar plans two appearances here**

Universally acclaimed operatic baritone Sherrill Milnes will be visiting OSU on Feb. 15-16 for a presentation on arts advocacy and a masterclass for OSU Voice majors. His arts advocacy presentation is set for the Edmon Low Library Browsing Room on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. The masterclass for voice majors is scheduled for Willard Hall on Friday from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Milnes was the leading baritone at the Metropolitan Opera for more than 25 years and also conquered the great opera capitals of the world. He has performed for every president since Gerald Ford, and frequently performed in concert at the White House. Milnes is currently the John Evans Distinguished Professor of Music at Northwestern University. For more information, please contact Richard Novak, assistant professor of voice, at (405) 744-8986.

**High school student leaders headed to OSU for weekend conclave**

One hundred high school seniors from around the state of Oklahoma will be participating in the 9th annual OSU Leadership Conclave this weekend at OSU. Sponsored by the Presidents Leadership Council of OSU, this two-day event centers on developing leadership characteristics essential to both college and individual success. The theme of the student organized conclave is Record Breaking Leadership and includes workshops, guest speakers, fun and games. To find out more information about this exciting event go to [http://osunet.okstate.edu/leadership/plc\\_conclave.asp](http://osunet.okstate.edu/leadership/plc_conclave.asp).

**OSU authors to be recognized at the library today**

The OSU Library will host a reception "Celebrating Books by OSU Authors" today (Thursday, Feb. 1) from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room to honor university employees who have authored, co-authored or edited a book in 2005 or 2006. Creative works such as musical composition, art exhibit catalog, or audio recording are also included. Authors being honored include John Acken, Cokie Anderson, Lee Bird, Bob Darcy, Renee Daugherty, Sidney Ewing, William Focht, Jami Fullerton, Toni

Graham, Todd Hubbard, Jason Lavery, David Moll, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Donna Rhea, Peter Rollins, Larry Sanders, Allen Scott, Joey Senat, Ravi Sheorey, Peter Shull, Sue Williams, John Womack and John Wooley. Come talk to them about their work and celebrate their contributions to academia at OSU. For more information, call (405) 744-7331

### **OSU-Okmulgee's nursing program wins Oklahoma Board of Nursing approval**

Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee has won the approval of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for its revamped nursing program, which includes improvements to both the curriculum and admission process for the 2007 spring semester. One reason for the curriculum changes was to meet the needs for more nursing students as construction on new classrooms is set to start this spring. The new admissions process integrates GPA, courses completed, and community leadership as criteria to admit students, which is important since there are only 20 positions available in each entering class, and there are consistently 75 to 100 applicants. OSU-Okmulgee's nursing program has experienced continuous growth since its inception in August 2004. For more details, click here <[http://www.osu-okmulgee.edu/news\\_and\\_events/view\\_news.php?news\\_id=344](http://www.osu-okmulgee.edu/news_and_events/view_news.php?news_id=344)> .

### **National Wear Red Day tomorrow**

It's hard to believe we'd ever advocate wearing red, but if it can help raise funds to fight the No.1 killer of American women, cardiovascular disease, it's sure worth consideration. Perhaps what's more important than what you wear tomorrow during "Wear Red Day" is that you consider a contribution to help raise the \$25 million needed for heart research and education programs in 2007. Cardiovascular disease causes one in every 2.6 female deaths. Wear Red Day, sponsored by the American Heart Association, is also a good time for each woman to make an important promise to herself—to do everything she can to reduce her risk factors. To learn more or to make a donation, visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) <<http://www.goredforwomen.org/>> .

### **"The Dream Alive Program" set for Monday**

Former Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers will present "The Dream Alive Program: A Dedication to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in the Wes Watkins Center. The critically acclaimed program unites historic orations and contemporary perspective in tribute to King and leaders of the American civil rights movement. The event, sponsored by OSU's Division for Institutional Diversity and the OSU Multicultural Student Center, is free and open to the public. Rogers holds the distinction of serving as the nation's youngest lieutenant governor. He is also just the fourth African-American in U.S. history elected lieutenant governor of a state. For more details, click here <[http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=536&Itemid=90](http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=536&Itemid=90)> .

### **Symposium to mark second Nancy Randolph Davis Day**

The 2007 edition of "Nancy Randolph Davis Day" at OSU will start next Thursday at 2 p.m. in Click Alumni Hall with a tribute to the university's first black student and the debut of the Nancy Randolph Davis Symposium on Higher Education. The symposium

will feature a panel of individuals who will speak briefly about how they became pioneering black faculty at OSU. They will also answer questions from the audience. OSU Vice President for Institutional Diversity Cornell Thomas will serve as moderator for the panel, which will feature Drs. Estella Atekwana, Tammy Henderson, Jason Kirksey and Earl Mitchell. For more details, click here [http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=546&Itemid=90](http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=546&Itemid=90).

### **OSU to host Darwin expert Michael Ruse**

Oklahoma State University will host Michael Ruse, one of the country's leading authorities on the history and philosophy of Darwinian evolutionary theory, Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center. Ruse's lecture, titled "The Evolution/Creation Struggle: An American Story", is sponsored by the OSU Office of the President and the Philosophy and Zoology Departments. "Evolution and creationism are important issues facing higher education. It is important that OSU is involved in the discussion and Dr. Ruse's lecture will provide an opportunity for all members of the OSU community to take part," said David Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. Ruse is a Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University and a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Canada and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the author of nearly 40 books.

### **Second City troupe to provide its legendary comedy tomorrow**

The Second City, the legendary comedy troupe that launched the careers of a countless number of the comedy world's greatest stars will be performing its classic sketch and improvisational comedy in a show titled "Truth, Justice or The American Way" at the OSU Student Union Theater tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 2) at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the show is open to the public. The show features the next generation of comic greats performing a diverse array of sketches and songs, as well as off the cuff improvisation that can provide completely unexpected comic brilliance. The Student Union Activities Board is sponsoring the event. For more information, phone (405) 744-8977.

### **Next Friends of Forms presentation on the Internet and community relationships**

Dr. Michael Stern will present "Is the Internet Strengthening or Weakening Our Community Relationships?" on Monday, Feb. 5, at 3:30 p.m. in Student Union Case Study 1 (fourth floor). The Friends of the Forms lecture is free and open to the public.

### **"How to Keep your Pet's Breath Fresh and Smile Bright"**

...is the topic for the next community Pet Care Seminar, which will be presented by Dr. Paul DeMars on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in McElroy Hall Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. Proper dental care involves both home care and at least a yearly oral exam by a veterinarian. Following the presentation, Dr. Lyndi Gilliam will demonstrate teeth brushing techniques on Zip, her Australian shepherd mix dog. Pet Care Seminars are open to the public. Parking, admission and light refreshments are complimentary. McElroy Hall is located at the corner of McFarland and Farm Road on the Stillwater campus. For additional information, contact the Continuing Education Office at (405) 744-7672.

### **OSU Allied Arts presents Amelia Piano Trio**

The Amelia Piano Trio, one of the most exciting young chamber ensembles to appear in the last decade, will perform Saturday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. The group's repertoire includes classical music, but it has also made its mark performing new music. The trio has toured North America and Central Asia with Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project. For tickets, phone (405) 744-7400. For more information, call (405) 744-7509.

### **OSU Theatre to present "Beautiful Child"**

What are the limits of a parents love? How do we love someone who falls outside our moral code? Nicky Silver answers those questions in his dark and unsettling play Beautiful Child, which will be performed by the Oklahoma State University Department of Theatre nightly from Feb. 7 through Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Jerry L. Davis Studio Theater in Gunderson Hall. An embattled couple must make a terribly painful and magically restorative decision to deal with their adult son's affair with an 8-year-old boy. Tickets are \$5 general admission and will be sold at the door. Due to adult themes, language and subject matter, no one under 18 will be admitted. ID is required for entry. For more information, call the OSU Theatre Department at (405) 744-6094. Seating is very limited, no advanced reservations.

### **Valentine's Day fundraiser to benefit the Children's Miracle Network**

The Oklahoma State University Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is partnering with local businesses to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Businesses have donated prizes for a Valentine's week raffle. These include a bouquet of flowers donated by Colonial Florist, a box of chocolates donated by Walmart, and dinner for two donated by Applebee's. The price of one raffle ticket is \$1; 10 tickets can be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. You need not be present to win. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Vanessa Brown, the Psi Chi Club president, Silvia Frutos ([silvia.frutos@okstate.edu](mailto:silvia.frutos@okstate.edu)) or Shelia Kennison ([shelia.kennison@okstate.edu](mailto:shelia.kennison@okstate.edu)), the club advisers. More information about the Children's Miracle Network can be found at: <http://www.childrensmiraclenetwork.org/> <<http://www.childrensmiraclenetwork.org/>> .

### **Let's talk about "The Joy Luck Club" Oklahoma**

Join the discussion as featured scholar Dr. Trisha Yarbrough offers an in-depth look at "The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 309 of the Stillwater Public Library. This is the third installment in the spring "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma" reading discussion program sponsored by the Friends of the OSU Library and Stillwater Public Library. Stop by the Public Library for a copy of the book and theme materials. Funding for the program is provided by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call (405) 744-7331.

### **Nominations sought for Student Employee of the Year**

Do you have an outstanding student employee? Each spring, as part of National Student Employment Week, OSU chooses a Student Employee of the Year, someone who best

embodies the contributions and achievements of students who work while attending college. Nomination materials and guidelines are available at [www.okstate.edu/finaid/seoty](http://www.okstate.edu/finaid/seoty) <<http://www.okstate.edu/finaid/seoty>> . The nomination deadline is Friday, Feb. 9. Questions? Contact James Rupp, (405) 744-7056, [james.rupp@okstate.edu](mailto:james.rupp@okstate.edu).

**A&S Student Council applications invited**

Arts & Sciences Student Council is now taking applications for new members. Applications can be found at 060 Student Union or 202 Life Sciences East. Applications are due in 202 Life Sciences East by 4:30 on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by telephone by Friday, Feb. 9. Interviews will be Monday, Feb. 12. If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Howell at [nikki.howell@okstate.edu](mailto:nikki.howell@okstate.edu) or (405) 255-2485.

**Wellness tip: Avocado**

Avocados contain mostly monounsaturated fats. These tend to lower bad (LDL) cholesterol. However, half of a medium Florida avocado contains 14 grams of fat and 170 calories, so eat them in moderation. Combine avocados with low fat foods such as vegetables, pasta, rice, fruits, fish or chicken. 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).