

February 14, 2007

Nobel Laureate among speakers for OSU Research Week

The 2004 Nobel Laureate for Physics, Dr. Frank Wilczek from MIT, and Dr. Abel Gonzales, senior advisor with the Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Argentina, are among those scheduled to lecture next week during OSU Research Week in Stillwater. For a detailed calendar go to www.researchweek.okstate.edu. The week will also feature the 18th annual Research Symposium with the largest number of presentations in OSU's history, including 98 posters and 128 papers. Undergraduates will participate more than ever with a record 43 presentations scheduled. A complete schedule of presentations can be found on the Research Symposium website:

<http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/events/ressymp/default.htm>.

McNair Scholars headed to OSU for Research Symposium

One hundred McNair Scholars representing 27 universities from around the nation will be participating in the 18th annual Research Symposium next week on the Stillwater campus. Their visit is sponsored by the Vice President of Diversity, Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer and the Graduate College. The two-day event includes a day of discussion with graduates from McNair programs currently attending OSU graduate programs, plus visits to departments, concluding with the scholars presenting their original research. All undergraduates in the program are required to conduct intensive research in their area of interest and to pursue a graduate degree.

New hospitality chapter honored at national conference

OSU's chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality was recognized as the Outstanding New Chapter of the Year at the organization's recent national conference and career fair in Bellevue, Wash.. The local chapter, which was organized just last August, has 25 active members and also submitted the award winning graphic design for the conference materials and T-shirts. Fourteen students and faculty members from the OSU School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration joined over 1,000 hospitality professionals, students and educators at the conference. Chapter membership is open to all OSU students who might be interested in a career in the hospitality industry. For more information contact Prince Asiedo-Taku at prince.asiedu_taku@okstate.edu.

Library to mark 100th anniversary as a Federal Depository

The public is invited to join representatives of the U.S. Government Printing Office and others on Friday as they formally recognize the OSU Library's 100th anniversary as a Federal Depository from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room. Depository libraries safeguard the public's right to know by collecting, organizing, preserving and assisting users with information from the Federal Government. The OSU Library became a Federal Depository in 1907 by an act of Congress; in 1979, OSU was elevated to Regional Federal Depository status. It is one of only 52 libraries designated to receive all publicly available federal documents.

Relationship check-up offered

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, a free "relationship checkup" will be offered at the OSU

Center for Family Services on Feb. 14 and 15. The check-up will help couples identify strengths and areas to work on in their relationships, as well as identify issues that may arise unexpectedly. The therapists (advanced students in marriage and family therapy) will then present options for dealing with these issues. Dating, engaged or married—all couples are welcome and encouraged to participate in the free relationship check-up. Just call the center at (405) 744-5058 for more information or to set up an appointment. Check-ups will be 45 minutes long, and appointments are available from 4:45 - 8 p.m. both days.

Hospitality Days coming

The School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration will play host to a variety of businesses from the hospitality industry during the 51st annual Hospitality Days, Sunday, Feb. 18-21 on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater. The annual career fair is a chance for students to show their skills and interact with industry professionals. Stephen Bartolin, Jr., chairman and CEO of the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, will give the keynote address Monday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. in the Jones Seminar Room of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. Hospitality Days gives students hands-on experience in planning and preparing seminars and investigating internship and career possibilities. More than 38 hospitality companies will participate in the career fair. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bestselling author to facilitate diversity leadership workshop

Selected students from Oklahoma State University and area high schools will get a lesson in leading an inclusive environment from New York Times bestselling author, educator and businessman Stedman Graham on Feb. 22 from 3-5 p.m. at the OSU Student Union Theater in Stillwater. Graham will facilitate a workshop based on his latest book, “Diversity: Leaders Not Labels – A New Plan for the 21st Century.” The workshop, dubbed “The New Diversity,” is aimed at equipping students with the knowledge and tools to meet their full potential. The program, developed by Dr. Cornell Thomas, system vice president for Institutional Diversity at OSU, is funded by a \$75,000 gift from the Tulsa-based Williams Foundation.

Researchers may have found practical alternative for phosphates in processed meats

Researchers at OSU are finding that certain proteins can be used to replace the phosphates in processed meat to maintain its juiciness. This could offer hope to certain segments of the population concerned about possible health problems that may be posed by phosphates, including people with kidney problems and diabetics. Read more about it, [click here](#).

“Female Terrorists: What Difference Does Gender Make?”

Professor Marilyn Friedman, ethicist, political philosopher and feminist theorist, will be presenting a paper “Female Terrorists: What Difference Does Gender Make?” at the Student Union Theater on Friday, Feb. 16, at 3:30 p.m. She will also be available for an informal discussion before her talk from 1 – 3 p.m. in Hanner 302. Professor Friedman is a distinguished feminist scholar whose books include “Autonomy, Gender, Politics” and “What Are Friends For?: Feminist Perspectives in Personal Relationships and Moral

Theory.” Her visit to campus is sponsored by the Philosophy Department and a Kirkpatrick Grant. For more information, contact Dr. Lorraine Landry at (405) 744-9234 or lorraine.landry@okstate.edu.

“Curriculum for Teachers: What It Is and Why It Matters”

Dr. Wesley Null, a nationally recognized expert in curriculum studies and associate professor in the School of Education and Honors College at Baylor University, will be the colloquium speaker at Oklahoma State University’s College of Education on Feb. 19. He will speak on “Curriculum for Teachers: What It Is and Why It Matters” at 5:30 p.m. in 010 Willard Hall. The colloquium is free and open to the public. A reception will be held for Null at 4:30 p.m. in the lobby outside the lecture room. The former middle/secondary school teacher has authored five books including “The Pursuit of Curriculum: Schooling in the Public Interest.” For more information, contact Dr. Kathryn Castle at Kathryn.castle@okstate.edu or phone (405) 744-8019.

Grammy nominated vocalist to perform Friday

Luciana Souza, three-time Grammy nominated Latin jazz vocalist, will perform a concert featuring a variety of musical styles on Friday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. Jazz and classical music, Brazilian native rhythms and poetry-based pieces will all be on tap from Souza, who received the “Female Singer of the Year, 2005” award from the Jazz Journalist Association. She has also performed as a soloist with both the Los Angeles and New York Philharmonic. Souza teaches at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. For tickets: (405) 744-7400. For more information: (405) 744-7509.

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 is currently the John Evans Distinguished Professor of Music at Northwestern University. For more information, contact Richard Novak, assistant professor of voice, at (405) 744-8986.

“Who Killed the Electric Car?”

It was among the fastest, most efficient production cars ever built. It ran on electricity, produced no emissions and catapulted American technology to the forefront of the automotive industry. So why did General Motors crush its fleet of EV1 electric vehicles in the Arizona desert? Watch for yourself as the documentary “Who killed the electric car?” chronicles the life and mysterious death of the GM EV1, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in room 106 of the Noble Research Center. For more details, go to <http://www.sonyclassics.com/whokilledtheelectriccar/electric.html>

Legacies to get a sneak peek at OSU

Forty-five OSU legacies and their families are coming to Stillwater on Feb. 16 and 17 for the OSU Alumni Association’s Legacy Day Sneak Preview. The students, high school

freshmen, sophomores and juniors, will be traveling from across Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Colorado. Once here, they'll be treated to campus tours, sessions with Undergraduate Admissions, Pizza at Hideaway and a game night at the Union. They're also invited to stay over until Saturday for the award-winning Student Alumni Board Leadership Conference. This is the third year for the event, which is a member benefit of the OSU Alumni Association. For more information about the OSU Legacy Program, [click here](#).

Coaches vs. Cancer Men's Swish Night a success

Thanks to generous fans at the Cowboy basketball game on Saturday, the OSU Coaches vs. Cancer campaign raised almost \$17,500 for this year's campaign. Cancer survivors Caleb Tiger, Hannah Turner, Lacey Rodgers and Austin Giacomo made 33 baskets in one minute to help add to the total. The kids were assisted by former Cowboys Bryndon Manzer, Daniel Bobik, Andre Williams and Bryant "Big Country" Reeves. A special thanks to Chad Clay of Complete Environmental Products, Express Personnel Services, and President David Schmidly's office for hosting the kids and their families in the suite level. The OSU Coaches vs. Cancer campaign ranks first in the Big 12 in dollars raised and first in the High Plains Division, bringing in two-thirds of the division's income.

Rich heritage of African-Americans to be spotlighted at OSU-Tulsa

In observance of Black History Month, OSU-Tulsa and Langston University-Tulsa will co-host "We've Come This Far: Advocate for Fairness and Truth" from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, in North Hall 151. The event, which promotes the rich heritage of African-Americans, will include discussion groups led by Tulsa-area faculty members, authors and historians that serve to connect the past and present education, economic development and race relations issues in the community. The event is free and open to the public.

Enjoy your lunch at the library with arias and art songs

The second installment of the Noon Concert Series at the Library will feature arias and art songs performed by students with the OSU School of Music from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room of the Edmon Low Library. Drinks and desert will be provided; bring a sack lunch and enjoy the music! For more information, call (405) 744-7331.

Let's talk about "Blanche on the Lam" Oklahoma

Join the discussion as featured scholar Caroline Larson offers an in-depth look at "Blanche on the Lam" by Barbara Neely on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 in room 309 of the Stillwater Public Library. This is the fourth 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.

U.S. Secretary of Education representative to deliver Kamm Lecture

Dr. James Davis, regional representative for the Office of U.S. Secretary of Education, will speak on “Helping Higher Education Meet the Challenge,” for the 15th Robert B. Kamm Distinguished Lecture in Higher Education on Feb. 21 at 1:15 p.m. in the Willard Lecture Hall. A distinguished panel of state educators will offer a response following the speech and a reception will be held in the Willard Living Room. The lecture is free and open to the public. Davis serves as an ombudsman on matters of federal support that affects education in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.

OSU Art Department hosting world renowned visual artist’s exhibit

The Oklahoma State University Art Department is hosting an extraordinary ceramic art exhibit by world renown California artist Bean Finneran, which is free for the public to view through Friday, Feb. 16, in the Gardener Art Gallery at the OSU Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts. The Art Department will be welcoming the public to a reception for Finneran’s art on Feb. 16 when she will give a presentation and lecture about her experiences in art. For more information, contact Ceramics Professor Brandon Reese by e-mail at brandon.reese@okstate.edu, or call the Gardiner Art Gallery at (405) 744-6016. More information about Bean Finneran can be found on her official website at www.beanfinneran.com.

Student Union Activities Board events – you’re invited!

Wednesday, Feb. 14: 2 - 4:30 p.m. Valentine's Tea and Dessert Party in the French Lounge

Come celebrate this sweet day with some sweet treats in the French Lounge!

Thursday, Feb. 15: 9 - 11 p.m. Karaoke in the Shamrock Room

Another chance to show your own star quality or join with friends to sing. Not into performing? Just hang out and enjoy free coffee and snacks.

Thursday, Feb. 15: Vietnamese Cultural Dinner, Starlite Terrace (4th floor Student Union) featuring: vegetable salad, Vietnamese Spring rolls, steamed Jasmine rice, stir fried beef with lemongrass, vegetable curry, stir fried chicken with green beans, bamboo shoots with shiitakes and (for dessert) mixed tropical fruit in ginger syrup. Admission is \$7.50, bring your friends and enjoy the cultural dinner.

Friday, Feb. 16: Movie: Casino Royale at 7:30 p.m. only

The British Establishment has an ally in the guise of newly appointed double-00 James Bond as Daniel Craig joins a prestigious line up of iconic cinematic history. This Bond is back with a vengeance, but it is in Casino Royale where this battle of wit and cunning will take place. This gripping updated Ian Fleming story will deliver. Admission is \$2, concessions are \$1.

Friday, Feb. 16: SUAB hosts Friday Night Live, Student Union Theater, 10:30 p.m. Free entertainment—comedy show, especially for students.

Saturday, Feb. 17: Movie: Casino Royale, 7:30 and 10:45, Student Union Theater (see description above)

In sports:

Saturday, Feb 17: Men's Basketball vs. Missouri University in the Gallagher-Iba Arena at 12:30 p.m. and the Cowgirls take on Texas A&M at 7 p.m. [Click here](#) to check out the calendar of events and follow all Cowboy and Cowgirl athletics.

Does dynamic, involved, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and outgoing describe you?

If so, the Office of New Student Orientation is looking for you and 19 others to make up a diverse group of orientation leaders to represent Oklahoma State University to our incoming students and their families this summer. Orientation leaders facilitate small groups of students through the orientation process and continue their connections until the beginning of the fall semester. The summer positions are paid positions starting May 21 and ending mid-July (with the opportunity to continue work through Aug. 20). For more information, contact Missy Wikle or Trinity Smith at (405)744-3636, missy.wikle@okstate.edu, or trinity.smith@okstate.edu. Orientation leader applications are available online at: <http://newstudents.okstate.edu> or in hard copy from 060 SU and 321 SU. The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 23.

Women's leadership program to offer keys to success

Female business leaders from across the nation will focus on keys to success and ways to excel during the 16th annual Women's Business Leadership Program set for Wednesday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tulsa. Topics will include: surviving corporate catastrophes, taking charge of your career, the key to the future of local business, and women in the corporate leadership pipeline. Featured speakers hail from Goodyear, Wal-Mart, Mobil Corp. and travelgirl magazine. Seminar registration is available online at www.cepd.okstate.edu. For more information, please contact Vickie Karns, program manager, at 405-744-5208 or 1-866-678-3933, or e-mail vickie.karns@okstate.edu.

Wellness tip: Hand washing gels

The CDC Hand Hygiene Task Force reports that water-free antimicrobial, alcohol-based gels kill about 99 percent of the bacteria and viruses on your hands. If you shake hands often, travel frequently, or have small children, these gels may help you stay relatively germ free. 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).