

February 20, 2007

Nobel Laureate to speak tonight, Kamm Lecture tomorrow

The 2004 Nobel Laureate for Physics, Dr. Frank Wilczek from MIT, will offer a lecture titled "The Universe is a Strange Place," at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Theater, followed by a book signing in the French Lounge. Wilczek will also kick-off the OSU Research Symposium tomorrow at 9 a.m. in Case Study 3, fourth floor of the Student Union with "Frontiers of Science." Also among the highlights on Wednesday is the Kamm Lecture featuring Dr. James R. Davis with the U.S. Department of Education in the Willard Lecture Hall starting at 1:15 p.m. It will be followed by a distinguished panel of state educators. For a detailed calendar, go to [www.researchweek.okstate.edu](http://www.researchweek.okstate.edu). A complete schedule of research presentations can be found on the Research Symposium website: <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/events/ressymp/default.htm>.

OSU expert featured in L.A. Times article on spanking

Dr. Robert Larzelere with the OSU College of Human Environmental Sciences has been extensively quoted in an Los Angeles Times article on the subject of spanking children. Read it for yourself by clicking [here](#).

KOSU and O'Colly win reporting awards

The Oklahoma Society of Professional Journalists honored KOSU with nine outstanding state journalism awards in Tulsa Saturday evening including five first place awards. News Director Rachel Hubbard and former KOSU staffer Ted Riley were the honorees. O'Colly Editor in Chief Shannon Muchmore and reporters Sean Mathews and John Estus, as well as the O'Colly staff, won 10 awards for their work including seven first place awards.

Author and journalist to speak tonight

OSU's Society of Professional Journalists is excited to bring in author and journalist Roy Wenzl tonight (Tuesday) at 6:30. In addition to being a features writer for The Wichita Eagle, he has recently written a book on serial killer BTK. Come to 101 Paul Miller to hear his stories and find out more about his career. Anyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

OSU organization and members honored at Big 12 conference

The OSU African American Student Association received the 2007 Clarence Wine Best Council of the Year Award and \$1,000 for its efforts to improve academic success, community involvement, and campus programming during the recent Big 12 Conference on Black Student Government Leadership in Lincoln, Neb. Shcarry Chatmon, a psychology freshman from Tulsa, received the Dyrice Burt Outstanding Freshman of the Year Award and Josh Owens, a mathematics junior from Tulsa, received the Outstanding Junior of the Year Award. Both received \$1,000 for their wins, based on an essay, campus and community involvement, and college transcript. The African American Student Association is proud to be named the host for next year's Big 12 conference in Stillwater Feb. 14 – 17.

Four vie for title of Miss Black OSU this weekend

Four students will be competing for the title of Miss Black Oklahoma State University 2007 on Saturday, Feb. 24, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Theater. Psychology major RaShawna Kimble the reigning Miss Black OSU from Haskell, will crown her successor. Contestants include Kendra Alexander, a junior from Midwest City majoring in civil engineering; Latoya Jones, a sophomore from Tulsa majoring in human nutrition, Bryshana Ridgeway, a junior from El Mirage, Arizona, majoring in Elementary Education, and Tynetta Willis, a freshman from Tulsa majoring in elementary education. General admission is \$7 and tickets may be purchased at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by the African American Student Association and the Minority Women's Association.

OSU alum appointed to Governor's cabinet

Governor Brad Henry has appointed OSU grad Natalie Shirley as the new Secretary of Commerce and Tourism. Shirley is the former president and chief executive officer of ICI Mutual Insurance Group in Washington, D.C., an insurance company serving the domestic investment fund industry. An Oklahoma native, she graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1979 and earned a law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1982. The governor calls Shirley “an accomplished strategist, an excellent problem-solver and leader who does not shy away from a challenge.”

Governor’s Cup calling for “intent to compete” forms

Organizers of the annual Governor’s Cup business plan competition are requiring students to fill out an online “intent to compete” form by Friday, March 2, to participate in the statewide competition for graduate and undergraduate college students. Go to [www.okgovernorscup.org](http://www.okgovernorscup.org) or go directly to the form by clicking [here](#). The written business plan is due March 12. The Donald W. Reynold’s Governor’s Cup is designed to encourage students to act on their ideas and talents in order to produce tomorrow’s businesses. After two years, the competition has garnered four technology-based start-up companies from participating teams. An OSU team placed tops in last year’s undergraduate competition. Student teams and their faculty advisers will compete for cash prizes valued in excess of \$100,000.

OSU Allied Arts to present flamenco guitarist

The man known as an American master of the flamenco guitar, Ronald Radford, will celebrate Oklahoma’s heritage and showcase his extensive musical talents on Wednesday, Feb. 21, starting at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Theater. Radford is a musical ambassador whose talents have prompted Mexican and Latin American fans to dub him “Oklahoman’s Gringo flamenco virtuoso.” Tickets for Radford’s performance will go on sale Wednesday and are \$7 for OSU students and children under 12 and \$13 for all others. For more information, phone (405) 744-7509. For tickets, (405) 744-7400.

OSU Art Department’s new exhibit is psychologically intriguing

A new exhibit “Navigating the Mind,” a compilation of permanent works from Gardiner Art Gallery will be featured at the gallery in the OSU Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts through March 9. Analyzed and organized by the OSU Art History Department, the exhibit includes 29 of the gallery’s masterpieces in residence, which were selected because of the affect that each can have on the mind and emotions. They are organized to take the viewer on a journey that is bound to induce a myriad of psychological responses. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information about “Navigating the Mind,” call the Gardiner Art Gallery at (405) 744-6016.

OSU Theater to offer a unique “Julius Caesar”

The OSU Theater Department will offer a non-traditional approach to William Shakespeare’s timeless tragedy, “Julius Caesar,” starting Wednesday, Feb. 21, through Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Vivia Locke Theater in the OSU Seretean Center. A matinee will also be held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. This rendition presents an intense picture of the effect of war on a society and the moral questions raised during times of political turmoil and social unrest, which is designed to enlighten, call you to action and leave you with a strong sense of human connection. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors, \$10 for general admission. For more information, contact the box office at (405) 744-9208.

OSU Department of Music to present “Elijah”

The OSU Department of Music will present Felix Mendelssohn’s “Elijah” for its annual Presidents Masterwork’s Concert, Saturday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. and again Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3:30 p.m. At its first performance in 1856 the oratorio was hailed as an undisputed masterpiece and has remained one of the most performed works in the choral-orchestral repertoire. Elijah relates six Old Testament stories from the prophet’s life and the mixture of recitative, arias and choral movements unfold in extended sections of continuous music. There is reserved seating for the concert, \$10 for non-students and \$7 for student admission. To purchase reserved seats,

come to the Music Department, room 132 of the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts.

#### Let's talk about "Blanche on the Lam" tonight

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 p.m. 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.

#### Sexuality educator to talk about healthy relationships

Tommy Chesbrough, vice president of education for Planned Parenthood of Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma, will talk about healthy relationships Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in 408 Student Union. He will also address communication, personality types, and hazardous behavioral traps in relationships as well as offer advice to those interested in his field. Chesbrough has a masters in human relations and is a certified sexuality educator. His visit is sponsored by the Sexual Orientation Diversity Association as part of its sexual health series. For more information about the program, contact [SODA\\_OSU@yahoo.com](mailto:SODA_OSU@yahoo.com).

#### Safe Zone Training program scheduled

The next Safe Zone Training program will be offered Friday, Feb. 23, from 2-5 p.m. in Willard 301. Safe Zone is a program which identifies "gay friendly" faculty, staff and students to provide support and resources for gay, lesbian and bisexual students at Oklahoma State University. If you have questions, or you would like to RSVP for the Safe Zone training, please call Amy Morse at (405) 332-6529 or e-mail at [amy.morse@okstate.edu](mailto:amy.morse@okstate.edu).

#### OSU-Tulsa to show "Akeelah and the Bee"

In observance of Black History Month, an inspirational drama titled, "Akeelah and the Bee," directed by Doug Atchison, will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. in the OSU-Tulsa Auditorium. The story follows Akeelah, a gifted young girl from south Los Angeles who enters various spelling contests against her mother's will, leading her to compete in the National Spelling Bee. Along the way, she is helped by a forthright, mysterious teacher and other members of her community. The movie showing is free and open to the public. OSU-Tulsa is located at 700 North Greenwood Avenue, near I-244 and Detroit Avenue. For more information, call 918-594-8000.

#### "Psychology of Procrastination" offered at intersession

The Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program (OSLEP) is offering a seminar during May intersession on the psychology of procrastination. Oklahoma State University participates in this program and you can take this seminar for three hours of 4000-level credit. Admission is by application. For additional information and application forms, students can go to the OSLEP web site [www.oslep.org](http://www.oslep.org) or contact Dr. Robert Spurrier at [robert.spurrier@okstate.edu](mailto:robert.spurrier@okstate.edu) at OSU.

#### Volunteers needed to teach workshops at State 4-H Roundup

Volunteers are needed to present educational workshops to youth ages 13-19 at this year's State 4-H Roundup, set for May 23-25 at OSU in Stillwater. The deadline to volunteer for the 86th annual event is Wednesday, Feb. 28. Surveys show 4-H Roundup is an excellent recruitment tool for OSU. The Roundup planning committee has made it a goal to try to offer workshops from all the different colleges throughout the university this year. For more information, contact Tracy Branch at (405) 744-8891.

#### Wellness tip: Vegetable guidelines

The National Cancer Institute defines one serving of vegetables as 1 cup raw, 1 1/2 cup cooked, or 6 oz vegetable juice. Visit [5aday.gov](http://5aday.gov) to learn more about the importance of vegetables, how many servings you need per

day, and why color matters. 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).

