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ExxonMobil Foundation gives again

Oklahoma State University has announced gifts totaling over \$282,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation to benefit more than 30 campus units. Don Humphreys, ExxonMobil senior vice president and treasurer and '71 OSU engineering alumnus, recently presented the check to Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe and other key officials. "Thanks to its generous and visionary matching program, this gift from ExxonMobil and its employees and retirees will have a far-reaching and lasting impact on academics across our campus," said Strathe. "We greatly appreciate ExxonMobil's commitment to higher education and its years of valuable support to OSU." ExxonMobil's Matching Gift program matches gifts to higher education on a 3-to-1 basis. By taking advantage of the company's matching gift program, ExxonMobil donors are able to triple the amount of a contribution. "Oklahoma State University prepares able leaders and professionals for ExxonMobil who, in turn, elevate the overall success of our company," said Humphreys. "Our mutual aspirations can only be realized through shared partnerships, and ExxonMobil is proud to invest in the future of the university and its students." ExxonMobil has given nearly \$4 million to OSU over the years. For more details, click here <http://www.osuf.org/news_ExxonMobil-5-07-check-presentation.html> .

Seretean named among lifetime achievers

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports has named Bud Seretean among those who've received its first lifetime achievement award. Seretean, whose gift made the Seretean Wellness Center a reality at Oklahoma State University in 1990, was honored along with five other pioneers of health and fitness including Jack LaLanne, Joe Weider, Dr. Ken Cooper, Bonnie Prudden and Judi Sheppard Missett. Lifetime Achievement Award winners are chosen based on the span and scope of their career, estimated number of lives touched by their work, their personal legacy, and awards and honors they've received during the course of their career. At the age of 83, Seretean still finds the time to lecture on health and wellness and practices what he preaches. He is also responsible for building the M.B. Seretean Center for Health Promotion at Emory University in 1997. Seretean recently wrote a book, "Living Healthy to 100," which conveys the message of healthy living for seniors. He has also served as president of the Atlanta Hawks. For more, click here <<http://www.bocaratonnews.com/index.php?src=news&refno=19700&PHPSESSID=5a3e73f4d3b00e624c059c97dd9b1458>> .

OSU senior first in state to receive Javits Fellowship

Oklahoma State University senior Tim O'Neil is the state's first recipient of the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship. O'Neil, from Oklahoma City, has excelled at OSU, as he recently proved by receiving three bachelor's degrees—each of which is an Honors College degree—one in political science, one in history and one in English. The fellowship is awarded to academically superior students who want to study at the master's or doctoral level in the arts, humanities or social sciences. It paid more than \$12,000 for institutional winners last year and the maximum stipend was \$30,000. Javits Fellows receive the funds annually for up to four years or the completion of the degree. O'Neil plans to enter the master's program in English at OSU this fall, and he and his faculty mentors are discussing the possibility of transferring to another institution in the future. He will commute from Oklahoma City following his marriage this June. "I love OSU and I love that this happened to OSU. It helps the humanities and puts a spotlight on a program that I love," says O'Neil. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=662&Itemid=1> .

Wind farms teaching new lessons

The number of wind farms are growing in Oklahoma but most are owned by out-of-state investors. A group, including an OSU geography professor Steve Stadler, is working to change that by educating Oklahomans about the practical and environmental advantages of wind power. Click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=665&Itemid=1> for more details about the Oklahoma Wind Power Initiative.