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OCAST to help fund five OSU research projects
The Oklahoma Center for Science and Technology (OCAST) has chosen the research projects of five OSU instructors among the 30 which will benefit from $4 million in funding over the next three years. The public health research projects were chosen by a peer review team from a total of 139 applicants. OSU researchers, who were among those with award winning research projects, include Amanda Harrist, Jay Hanan, Wouter Hoff, Goulong Zhang and Nedra Wilson. The purpose of the OCAST health research program is to strengthen the competitiveness and attract national funds for health researchers in Oklahoma, recruit and retain outstanding health research scientists, improve health care for Oklahomans and strengthen the state's health care industry. Research funded under the program investigates the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of human diseases and disabilities and facilitates the development of innovative health care products and services. For descriptions of each OSU project, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=676&Itemid=1> .

OSU student receives State Department fellowship
OSU junior Kyle Ensley has become one of only 20 college students nationwide to be selected for the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship this year. The fellowship prepares students for a career in the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service. Ensley, an international business and political science major from Valliant will report for an orientation in Washington, D.C., this month. Next summer, he will start one of two internships for the State Department and attend a public policy institute. The fellowship will pay for his final two years of undergraduate studies plus two years of graduate school. It will also guarantee Ensley a four-year position as a Foreign Service officer with the State Department after he finishes graduate school. Ensley is the second student from OSU and the state of Oklahoma ever selected to receive the fellowship. He is a 2005 graduate of Wright City High School. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=677&Itemid=1> .

Novell going away, remaining data needs conversion
As Oklahoma State University moves toward full conversion to Windows, Information Technology has outlined plans to decommission the old Novell file/print environments and disable all rights to Novell by June 30. All Novell departmental group (G:) and home (H:) drive data must be converted prior to that date. IT will convert all remaining data to Windows File/Print after this date. Departments who were not listed on the Conversion Schedule and are still using Novell home and group drives should contact the IT Helpdesk immediately at 744-HELP or helpdesk@okstate.edu to coordinate their conversion plans and avoid a licensing fee. For more information, please contact the IT Helpdesk or visit the IT Announcements page at http://www.it.okstate.edu/.

Help improve cell phone use on campus
IT Telecommunications and Cingular are working together to improve cellular coverage on campus and they'd appreciate your help. If anyone is aware of an area on campus or in a campus building which has coverage issues, please email Telecommunications at telecom@okstate.edu with a description of the location and severity of problems experienced.

Math and technology institute being held on campus
The Retired Educators for Youth Agricultural Programs has again partnered with Oklahoma State University to present a summer institute for minority high school students which is being held on the Stillwater campus through Friday. The 2007 REYAP Agriculture Science and Technology Institute, which started today, will emphasize the importance of science and math study and also introduce about 50 students from state high schools to agricultural degree and career options. The students will take what they've learned and spend the rest of the year completing science projects that will be the basis for entries in REYAP contests in Oklahoma. REYAP is a