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NBC's Russert to speak in Tulsa and OKC

Oklahoma State University is bringing Tim Russert, the managing editor and moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press," to the state on Monday, Jan. 29, when he will appear at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and Oklahoma City Civic Center from 4 – 5:30 p.m. as part of the university's annual business speaker series, sponsored by the Spears School of Business. Russert's presentation in Tulsa will be followed by a luncheon at the nearby Crowne Plaza Hotel. Reservations are available through the Center for Executive and Professional Development (CEPD) at OSU. For more information, call toll free 1-866-678-3933 or email cepd@okstate.edu. You can also register online by visiting the CEPD website at www.cepd.okstate.edu.

Campuses now benefit from single course management system

As of Jan. 8, all five campuses of the OSU System began using a single course management system called Online Classroom (D2L). All students and faculty can access their online courses at one url OC.okstate.edu by using their O-key username and password. The advantages of this system include tools like the drop-box, competencies, ease of use with many advanced features, and SIS updates that automatically run every evening. For more information visit the ITLE website <http://itle.okstate.edu/cms/>, or contact the help desk at 744-HELP (4357). Read below for information on training.

Faculty training sessions for new Online Classroom (D2L)

To help familiarize faculty with the many benefits of the new Online Classroom, IT and ITLE have collaborated with Desire2Learn to schedule training for faculty on the Stillwater campus. There are four different sessions offered several times throughout the week and several open sessions for questions and answers. For a list of all training sessions go to <http://itle.okstate.edu/cms/>. You may enroll in any of the Quizzes, Gradebook, Managing Groups/Email or Discussion/Content by emailing the session name and date to Samantha.Krawczyk@okstate.edu. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to schedule a 20 minute one-on-one session with the Desire2Learn trainer please send a request to Samantha Krawczyk. All training is in the ITLE Computer Lab (Telecommunication Center), so call (405) 744-1000 for directions, or access a campus map at <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/download/pdf/CampusMap.pdf>.

Drop and add extended for students

The deadline for students to drop a course or withdraw from all courses with no grade and no fees has been extended to Friday, January 19 at 5 p.m. Unrestricted adding of courses has also been extended to Friday at 5 pm. During this extended period, adding and dropping can be done online. These adjustments apply to regular (16 week) courses. For questions or more details, go online at www.okstate.edu/registrar, call the Office of the Registrar at 405.744.6846, or contact your academic advisor.

Senat elected to statewide organization

Associate journalism professor Joey Senat was recently elected president of Freedom of Information Oklahoma Inc. This statewide nonprofit organization

educates the public and elected officials about openness in government and the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. Its board of directors includes the state attorney general, the executive editor of The Oklahoman and the executive vice president of the Oklahoma Press Association.

St. Petersburg Russian Ballet tonight

The St. Petersburg Ballet will present a celebration of traditional Russian ballet with a number of classical works by composers such as Tchaikovsky, Berlioz and Verdi at 8 p.m. tonight (Tuesday, Jan. 16) in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. For tickets to this OSU Allied Arts presentation, phone (405) 744-7400. For additional information, phone (405) 744-7509. **Tickets are also available at the door.**

Calling all authors: Celebrating OSU book authors 2007

The OSU Library will celebrate OSU faculty and staff who have authored, co-authored or edited a book or who have published creative works such as musical compositions, art exhibit catalogs or audio recordings. The Library will hold a reception honoring authors on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 2 – 4 p.m. Each work will be featured in a small table display, and authors are asked to be on hand to discuss their work with guests. Authors who wish to participate are asked to submit the form, available at <http://www.library.okstate.edu/news/spring07/authorform.doc>, and a signed copy of their work to 216 Library by Wednesday, Jan. 17. The book will be included in a display in the OSU Library and later added to the Library's Special Collections. If authors are interested in selling copies of their work at the reception, they may provide the copies to be sold and Library staff will assist with sales.

IACUC 101 training program scheduled for OSU

For the first time in Oklahoma, the IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee) 101 training program will be offered on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. The program is a full day didactic and interactive training course for researchers, administrators, veterinarians, animal care staff, IACUC members, regulatory personnel, and others interested in IACUC roles and responsibilities. Participants receive an extensive resource manual plus other valuable reference materials. For registration information, go to the OSU Website at <http://vpr.okstate.edu/iacuc101/index.htm> or to the OLAW IACUC 101 series webpage at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/iacuc101s.htm>. Direct questions to Jada Bruner Gailey at jada.gailey@okstate.edu or 744-1676.

Hispanic historical project on track for Centennial release

A multi-media project that traces the history of Hispanics in Oklahoma since statehood is on track and the end product should be ready in time for the state's Centennial. Oklahoma State University is among the schools cooperating with the Hispanic Resource Center of the Tulsa City-County Library System to produce the end product which will include a book, a video/DVD, an interactive Internet presence and a permanent vertical file archival collection containing historical moments of local Hispanic families and nonprofit Hispanic organizations. The archives will include interviews with early settlers or their

families and also take an updated look at individuals from throughout Latin America who have settled in Oklahoma more recently.

Wellness Wednesday program rescheduled

Due to weather conditions, the Wellness Wednesday program, Exercise 101: Creating a Plan and Sticking to It, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 24, from noon – 1 p.m. If you have registered and cannot attend next week's program, please email Kendria at kendria.cost@okstate.edu or contact the Seretean Wellness Center at 744.WELL (9355).

Zhang offers “System Philosophy and Belief System”

Dr. Fisher Zhang, OSU Electrical and Computer Engineering and adviser to the Buddhist Association on campus, will present “System Philosophy and Belief System” on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 3:30 p.m. in Student Union Case Study 2. As usual, the Friends of the Forms lecture is free and open to the public.

Father of modern environmental movement to speak this week

Edward O. Wilson, considered by many to be the father of the modern environmental movement, will speak about proper stewardship of the earth's biodiversity on Thursday, Jan 18, at 7 p.m. in Click Alumni Hall. Wilson is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner for his books “The Diversity of Life” and “The Future of Life.” His latest work, “Creation” offers hope for saving the planet through the union of religion and science. Free and open to the public, the speech is sponsored by the OSU office of the President.

O-Zone Fitness Center offers new “Friends and Family” rate

The Seretean Wellness Center has developed a new “friends and family” rate at the O-Zone Fitness Center. Two people, related or not, can join the fitness center for a total cost of \$29.91 per month, or \$14.96 per person per month. This fee includes use of all fitness facilities, including group exercise classes, cardio equipment, and weights. Methods of payment include cash, check, credit card, and bursar charges. A single fitness center plan is only \$21.75 per month. Enrollment forms are available online at wellness.okstate.edu, select “O-Zone Fitness Center” and then “Enrollment Form.” Personal Training is also available for an additional fee. Please call the Seretean Wellness Center at 744-WELL (9355) if you have questions.

Wellness tip: Bring the outside inside

Running on a treadmill is generally easier than running out-of-doors because there is less air resistance. To get the same workout as you would outside, set the grade (incline) to 1%. 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).