

January 23

OSU-OKC announces largest gift in its History

Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City announced the largest one-time private gift in its history today, a \$1 million gift that fulfills a pledge from John E. Kirkpatrick toward a new Agriculture Resource Center. The gift will support the construction of a new Agriculture Resource Center, a 33,000 square-foot building that will house horticulture, agriculture and veterinary classes on the OSU-OKC campus. The building will become operational in the spring of 2008. The new Agriculture Resource Center will help house thriving classes, particularly in “urban agriculture” – an emerging field of study that expands traditional agriculture to activities for an urban lifestyle such as floral design and turf grass management. For more details, click [here](#) or go to <http://www.osuokc.edu/>.

OSU receives study abroad grant for specified studies in Mexico

The Institute for Study Abroad Foundation has awarded Oklahoma State University a \$90,000 grant over the next three years to promote the study of agriculture and natural resources in Mexico. The funding provides scholarships to qualified students to cover most of the cost for a five-week intensive Spanish language immersion program at the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla in Puebla, Mexico, followed by a one-week field experience in the surrounding region. Seven \$2,500 scholarships are available for the summer program, which is scheduled from May 20 through July 1. An information session describing the program is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8, in 410 Ag Hall at 7 p.m. Applications for the scholarships and summer program are available by contacting David.Henneberry@okstate.edu.

Additional scholarships available for various study abroad options

OSU’s Study Abroad Office has been able to provide scholarships for all applicants who were previously on the scholarship waiting list thanks to a generous increase in the allocation from the OSU Provost’s Office. The office is also able to offer additional scholarships for students planning to study abroad for spring break and summer 2007. At least 75 \$500 scholarships are still available on a first-come, first-served basis and applications will be accepted in the Study Abroad Office until March 15. A waiting list will be established for additional applications and scholarships up to \$1,000. Applications are available online at the Study Abroad Office website, <http://studyabroad.okstate.edu/> and through individual OSU college Outreach offices, and from the Study Abroad Office located in 060-G Student Union.

Let’s talk about “A Leak in the Heart” Oklahoma

Join the discussion tonight (Tuesday, Jan. 23) as featured scholar Dr. Patti Loughlin takes an in-depth look at “A Leak in the Heart” by Faye Moskowitz from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 309 of the Stillwater Public Library. This is the second 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 LTAIO is provided by a grant from the Oklahoma

Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call 744-7331.

Friends of the Forms movie tonight

“*Enternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*” will be screened in room 313 of the Classroom Building starting at 7 p.m. It’s free and everyone is invited to attend.

OSU Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day tomorrow

Oklahoma State University Athletics will honor the efforts of all OSU employees tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan. 24) with “OSU Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day” as the Cowgirls take on Colorado at Gallagher-Iba Arena, starting at 7 p.m. All OSU faculty and staff members will receive \$2 admission to the game. Tickets may be purchased at the Athletics Center ticket box office in advance or on gameday. A current OSU ID is required to receive the discount. For more information about Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day, contact OSU Athletics Marketing at (405) 744-3067.

Still time to sign up for “How to Overcome Negativity” seminar tomorrow

Stop negativity in its tracks and get on a more positive highly productive path by attending this seminar tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan. 24) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room 408, Student Union. This innovative, lively day of training, provided by Padgett-Thompson, is designed to cultivate winning attitudes throughout the university by equipping employees with tools and techniques proven to combat negative mindsets and behaviors. This seminar (\$99) counts as an elective for the Leadership Development Program or as an elective for the Ambassador Program. Register on the web at www.okstate.edu/osu_per/hr/training.html or send an e-mail to osutrng@okstate.edu or call OSU Training Services at (405) 744-5374.

Who's Positive - Operation: Get Tested!

The OSU Sexual Orientation Diversity Association will present “Who's Positive – Operation: Get Tested!” tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan. 24) at 7 p.m. in room 313 of the Classroom Building. The program is designed to humanize HIV; prevent and reduce infection rates among youth; and empower, encourage and provide opportunity for youth to be tested for HIV. D'Jaun Black, a young gay African-American living with HIV, will share his story. Participants will also have an opportunity to be tested for free following the program. For more information about the program, contact michael.cich@okstate.edu.

Enjoy your lunch at the library with a brass quintet

The first installment of the Noon Concert Series at the Library will take place from noon to 1 p.m. this Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room of the Edmon Low Library. It will feature brass quintet performances by students of the OSU School of Music. Drinks and dessert will be provided, so bring a sack lunch and enjoy the music! For more information, call 744-7331.

“Oil on Ice” next OSU ECO-Film Project

OSU ECO-Film Project will present the documentary “Oil on Ice” at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Jan. 25, in the room 106 of the Noble Research Center. “Oil on Ice” is

a vivid, compelling and comprehensive documentary connecting the fate of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to decisions America makes about energy policy, transportation choices, and other seemingly unrelated matters. Caught in the balance are the culture and livelihood of the Gwich'in people and the migratory wildlife in this fragile ecosystem. For more information on the film, go to <http://www.oilonice.org/>.

Recent OSU book authors to be recognized at the Library

The OSU Library will host a reception "Celebrating Books by OSU Authors" on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room to honor university employees who have authored, co-authored or edited a book in 2005 or 2006. Creative works such as musical composition, art exhibit catalog, or audio recording are also included. Authors being honored include John Acken, Cokie Anderson, Bob Darcy, Renee Daugherty, Sidney Ewing, Toni Graham, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Donna Rhea, Peter Rollins, Larry Sanders, Allen Scott, Joey Senat, Ravi Sheorey, Peter Shull, Sue Williams, John Womack and John Wooley. Come and talk to them about their work and celebrate their contributions to academia at OSU. For more information, call 744-7331.

Creative workshop set for early February

Feeling creatively stifled? OSU will host a workshop presented by Eric Maisel, San Francisco-based creative coach, as part of the series Mind, Body and the Arts held on the weekend of Feb. 3 and 4. The workshop, "Coaching the Artist Within," is aimed at artists of all disciplines and will focus on self-coaching. The workshop includes learning to connect more deeply to the individual's art, handling obstacles, creating regularly and passionately, creating during distractions, reducing negative thinking, and self-coaching. Maisel is the author of more than 30 fiction and nonfiction works, a columnist for Art Calendar Magazine and a regular contributor to several others. To register for the weekend workshop call or email Laura Talbott at (405) 744-8993 or laura.talbott@okstate.edu; additional information is available at www.music.okstate.edu. The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information about Maisel, visit his Web site at www.ericmaisel.com.

Nominations sought for Student Employee of the Year

Do you have an outstanding student employee? Each spring, as part of National Student Employment Week, OSU chooses a Student Employee of the Year, someone who best embodies the contributions and achievements of students who work while attending college. Nomination materials and guidelines are available at www.okstate.edu/finaid/seoty. The nomination deadline is Friday, Feb. 9. Questions? Contact James Rupp, (405) 744-7056, james.rupp@okstate.edu.

OSU Allied Arts presents Amelia Piano Trio

The Amelia Piano Trio, one of the most exciting young chamber ensembles to appear in the last decade, will perform Saturday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. The group's repertoire includes classical music, but it has also made its mark performing new music. The trio has toured North American and Central Asia with Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project. For tickets, phone (405) 744-7400. For more information, call (405) 744-7509.

Women's Forum ahead

Mark your calendar for the next OSU Women's Forum, scheduled for **Thursday, March 8, from 3:30-6 p.m.** Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, President Emeritus from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, will share the *Status of Women in Oklahoma Today*. More information about this Spring Connection will be mailed out during the month of February.

OSU Research Symposium coming – registration invited now

The deadline for registering and submitting abstracts for the 18th annual OSU Research Symposium is Sunday, Jan. 28. All graduate and undergraduate students are eligible to participate. Students can register on the Research Symposium web page at: <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/events/ressymp/default.htm>. The symposium provides a great opportunity to share the world class research on campus with the university community. Last year, it hosted over 150 paper and poster presentations and more are expected this year. The accepted papers and posters will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 21, through Friday, Feb. 23. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories. The OSU Research Symposium is co-hosted by the Graduate College, Office of the Vice President of Research and Technology Transfer, and the Graduate & Professional Student Government Association.

Wellness tip: Veggie challenge

Try the veggie challenge. Consume a serving of vegetables with lunch at least 3 days this week. Options may include a salad, vegetable-based soup, tomato juice, or a side of raw or steamed veggies. Our registered dietitian reports that each serving provides just 25 calories. It also provides fiber, vitamins, minerals, and disease fighting natural compounds. 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).