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Students working on aircraft for flight on Mars

Engineering students at Oklahoma State University are currently working on the design, construction and flight testing of an aircraft for flight on Mars. Students in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering are designing the craft with inflatable wings to overcome the challenge of fitting an aircraft with a large wing span in the small space required for reentry into the Martian atmosphere. The wings are constructed of materials designed for space suits, folded into the aircraft body, and then inflated upon command. The team has been working with student teams from the University of Kentucky and engineers from ILC Dover, Inc., the manufacturer of all of NASA's space suits. Work on the project, which started last September, is funded in part by NASA and the Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium. The students will be conducting two high altitude tests this spring and summer from a weather balloon to determine the feasibility of the inflatable wings concept. For more information, contact Dr. Jamey D. Jacob at (405) 744-3208 or e-mail jdjacob@okstate.edu.

Soil turned for new OSU-OKC Ag Resource Center

OSU-Oklahoma City broke ground today on its new Agriculture Resource Center, which will provide space for the expansion of programs that also highlight urban agriculture. The ceremony was hosted by OSU-OKC President Dr. Jerry Carroll. Guest speakers included OSU System CEO and President Dr. David Schmidly, OSU-OKC Agriculture Division Head Dave Edwards, and Christian K. Keesee, grandson of John E. Kirkpatrick. Construction of the new center begins after a \$1 million gift from John E. Kirkpatrick. The gift adds to a long history of the Kirkpatrick family's support for the OSU-OKC campus. For more details, click [here](#).

Pulitzer-prize winning poet Muldoon to read tonight

Paul Muldoon, Pulitzer-prize winning poet, will be featured tonight at an open house hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences at OSU in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the "Cimarron Review." You can still make reservations for \$50 by calling (405) 744-8214. The open house will start at Morrill Hall at 5 p.m. Muldoon is a professor at Princeton University and chair at the University Center for the Creative and Performing Arts. He is scheduled to read his poetry at 7 p.m.

Governor's funding plan welcomed

Governor Brad Henry's plan to earmark a portion of the state income tax to fund the OHLAP scholarship program (the program is being re-named "Oklahoma's Promise") is

being greeted with thanks from Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chairman John Massey. They issued specific statements, which can be found by clicking [here](#).

Strathe to serve on task force for higher ed project

Provost and Senior Vice President Dr. Marlene Strathe has been chosen to serve on a national Task Force on Core Educational Outcomes that will develop recommendations for a Voluntary System of Accountability. The project, which includes education officials, public policymakers and academic leaders, will define ways that public higher education can become more accountable to the public on learning outcomes and campus engagement while also providing information to help students and families in the college selection process.

“Oil on Ice” OSU ECO-Film Project tonight

OSU ECO-Film Project will present the documentary “Oil on Ice” at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday, Jan. 25) in room 106 of the Noble Research Center. “Oil on Ice” connects the fate of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to decisions America makes about energy policy, transportation choices, and other seemingly unrelated matters. For more information on the film, go to <http://www.oilonice.org/>.

OSU to be represented at bridal fair

The Atherton Hotel at OSU and Ranchers Club Catering will be part of News 9’s Bridal Fair on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Oklahoma City at the Civic Center Music Hall. You must register to attend. Register online at www.bridalfair.com and save \$2, or register at the door the day of the show.

Baylor and Iowa State headed for Stillwater

Oklahoma State’s women’s basketball team hosts Baylor on Saturday, while the men square-off with Iowa State. Click [here](#) to follow Cowboy and Cowgirl athletics.

SWISH! Night on Saturday - \$2 admission with Coaches vs. Cancer coupon

The annual Coaches vs. Cancer SWISH! Night event, sponsored by OSU and the American Cancer Society’s Coaches vs. Cancer campaign, will be held at the women’s basketball game against Baylor on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 p.m. During a half-time event, cancer survivors will shoot lay-ups for one minute. Each lay-up made will be added to the OSU women’s year-end 3-Point Attack total, resulting in additional dollars

raised for the American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer program. The cancer survivors are Kevin Randles, OSU accounting senior; Aaron Hesler, StillwaterDrumright, Okla.; and Caleb Tiger from Pawnee. Admission to the game will be just \$2 with the Coaches vs. Cancer coupon, which is available at the OSU Seretean Wellness Center or by emailing kendria.cost@okstate.edu. native and son of an OSU employee; Lacey Rodgers, a student from

Russert to hit metros next Monday

NBC's Tim Russert will be in Tulsa and Oklahoma City on Monday to provide audiences with "A View from Washington" as part of the annual business speaker series sponsored by the Spears School of Business. 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.

Group pricing available for "Swan Lake"

The Tulsa Ballet is offering group pricing to OSU faculty, staff and students to its presentation of "Swan Lake" set for Feb. 9 – 11 at the TulsaPerforming Arts Center. The group rates for OSU range from \$13 to \$70 each, depending on seating selected, for groups of 25 or more. For group ticket orders, call Charlotte at (918) 749-6030, ext. 214 or visit tulsaballet.org for more information.

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 accepted papers and posters will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 21, through Friday, Feb. 23. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories.

Magazine editor to speak on campus

The Society of Professional Journalists will host Missy Kruse, editor of "TulsaPeople," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in room 101 Paul MillerBuilding. Kruse will talk about her journalism experience, which includes running an award-winning magazine. She will also offer tips on how to become a better feature writer. Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

A&S Student Council applications invited

Arts & Sciences Student Council is now taking applications for new members. Applications can be found at 060 Student Union or 202 Life Sciences East. Applications are due in 202 Life Sciences East by 4:30 on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by telephone by Friday, Feb. 9. Interviews will be Monday, Feb. 12. If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Howell at nikki.howell@okstate.edu or (405) 255-2485.

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 e-mail 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 website at www.ericmaisel.com.

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.

Wellness tip: Chocolate

According to the American Dietetic Association, chocolate can be part of an overall healthy diet. But moderation is critical! Chocolate contains roughly 150 calories per ounce. Most chocolate bars contain 2-6 ounces, or 300 - 900 calories. Dark chocolate is best as it contains far more antioxidants and flavonoids than milk chocolate or white chocolate. For more information about services for students, faculty and staff, call 744-WELL (9355).