

Schmidly provides state of the university to faculty

OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly spoke at this afternoon's General Faculty meeting, discussing OSU accomplishments for the fall semester, sharing thoughts and fielding questions. [Click here to read the President's remarks.](#)

Oklahoma can expect slower job growth in 2007

Oklahoma added 28,800 jobs this year for overall job growth of 1.9 percent, continuing a broad based expansion that's expected to be slightly slower in 2007, according to the latest statewide forecast released by the Center for Applied Economic Research at Oklahoma State University's Spears School of Business. The forecast shows Oklahoma can expect 17,900 new jobs in 2007, a 1.2 percent gain. It indicates that the state's energy sector is the most likely reason job growth has outpaced the national average for the last few years. However, a study by the center also found evidence that higher energy prices have taken a toll on per capita income. For more details, [click here.](#)

Precision farming research efforts at OSU honored nationally

Faculty and grad students from the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences presented 31 oral and/or poster research presentations at the recent annual Meeting of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science and Soil Science Societies of America held in Indianapolis. Regents Professor Bill Raun was recognized with the Werner L. Nelson Award for Diagnosis of Yield-Limiting Factors. Raun and others have developed spectral indices that predict in-season wheat and corn yields and adjust for fertilizer rates using sensor-based technology. Jeff Edwards, extension small grains specialist, and several other faculty contributors received the ASA Educational Materials Award for the No-Till Wheat Production fact sheet. Student Anthony Ruiz, a senior from Mannsville, won first in the speech contest; senior Jessica Sheffield from Fort Gibson placed third in the visual presentation contest; and senior Clint Wilcox from Fairview was named chair, Research Symposium Section, for next year.

OSU-Okmulgee inks agreement with corporate partner

At a time when nearly 22,000 positions for heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) technicians are unfilled nationwide, Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee is forming a partnership with Johnson Controls, Inc. to increase the number of skilled HVAC graduates entering the workforce. The collaborative program, called CAREERCONNECT, was formalized in a recent signing by representatives of Johnson Controls and OSU-Okmulgee. The company's contributions to OSU-Okmulgee include scholarships, instruction from industry experts, learning materials and faculty training. The partnership also is expected to increase enrollment in the program and improve graduates' career potential. For more details, [click here.](#)

Contributions accepted for fire victims

Donations and gift cards of any amount can be dropped off at the Campus Life information desk, 060 Student Union, to benefit victims of the fire at the Apple Creek Apartments last week. Campus Life is working with the American Red Cross to accept the donations. Call 744-5488 for more information. The local Red Cross is trying to match the individuals in need with furniture and other donated items. If you have a donation, you can call Vicky Henington at the local Red Cross office at 372-1833.

Homestretch for United Way drive

The Red Cross is among 26 local agencies that annually benefit from the United Way drive at OSU, where the latest tabulations show pledges and contributions have surpassed the 81 percent mark with more than \$147,000 counted so far. The goal this year is \$180,000 and we should know the final total before the end of the week. For more information, [click here.](#)

Used book sale to benefit United Way

Information Technology has scheduled a used book sale for tomorrow (Wednesday, Nov. 29) 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the 3rd floor hallway of Whitehurst. Paperbacks are 50 cents, hardbacks \$1, and children's books 25 cents (two

for one sale starts at 1 p.m.) For more information, contact Joyce Hise at joyce.hise@okstate.edu or phone 744-3555.

Two OSU legends to be featured on program

Two Oklahoma State University alums, Boone Pickens and Garth Brooks, will be among Oklahoma's Top 10 Living Legends featured in a special holiday edition of "Oklahomans," airing at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 on KOTV Channel 6 in Tulsa and KWTW Channel 9 in Oklahoma City. To date, Pickens' charitable gifts total half a billion dollars, including more than \$265 million to his beloved alma mater. Garth Brooks, considered by many the "king" of country music, was considered the world's #1 entertainment act in the 1990s with over 70 hit singles and 115 million albums sold in the U.S. alone. He retired in 2000 and now spends time focused on his new wife, Trisha Yearwood, and raising his three children on the family ranch near Owasso.

Avant-garde theatre specialist to visit OSU tomorrow

Oklahoma State University's Kirkpatrick Visiting Scholar Series welcomes Dr. Herbert Blau for a public lecture entitled "Revising the Dream" tomorrow (Wednesday, Nov. 29) in room 313 of the Classroom Building starting at 7 p.m. Blair will talk about his experimental work with the KRAKEN group and some of his personal anxieties. The lecture should be especially appealing to those working in the theatre and humanities at OSU. Blair will also be lecturing at the DaVinci Institute in Oklahoma City at the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library on Dec. 1 at 4 p.m., with a reception following at 5 p.m.

Lecture speaker to focus on anti-cancer drugs and the heart

The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences will host Dr. Kendall B. Wallace on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 3:30 p.m. in the McElroy Hall Auditorium. He will present "Mitochondrial Cardiomyopathy and the Compensated Metabolic State" at the Sitlington Toxicology Lecture. Wallace is a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Minnesota and currently serves as director of the Toxicology Graduate Program. His research focuses on understanding adverse side effects of drugs including anti-cancer agents. The Sitlington Lecture in Toxicology is open to the public at no charge. McElroy Hall Auditorium is located at the corner of Farm Road and McFarland on the Stillwater campus. For more information, please call (405) 744-6257.

Cowboy Angel Tree program underway

The OSU Non-Traditional Student Organization's Cowboy Angel Tree program last Friday in the Student Union Atrium in hopes of helping more than 400 needy youngsters get their wish for a Christmas gift this year. You can participate by picking an "angel" from the tree and purchasing the items that you want to give that are listed on the angel. You return the items unwrapped to Campus Life office at 060 Student Union before 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, so they can be delivered in time for Christmas. If you are unable to get an angel, or just want to make a contribution, NTSO will accept cash donations or gift cards from local stores. Have a question? Contact Marie Basler at (405) 744-5488 or e-mail marie.basler@okstate.edu.

Best-selling author to launch latest OSU business speaker series

Malcolm Gladwell kicks-off this year's Oklahoma State University business speaker series by interpreting and applying groundbreaking research for business on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Cox Business Center in Oklahoma City and Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel. Gladwell, a staff writer for "The New Yorker" since 1996, has a gift for making research understandable and valuable for business and that's why his two books "The Tipping Point" and "Blink" are New York Times #1 bestsellers. For information about tickets, contact the OSU Center for Executive and Professional Development, toll free, at 1-866-678-3933 or e-mail cepd@okstate.edu. Online registration is available at www.cepd.okstate.edu.

Fun or Frantic? Managing Your Holiday Stress

While holidays are traditionally a time of family gathering and fun, it doesn't always happen so easily. Cooking, shopping, family tension - it all adds up when planning your holiday gatherings. Join Dr. Bill Gentry of the

Seretean Wellness Center as he provides practical tips for surviving the holiday season. His light-hearted and humorous approach will allow you to step back, take a deep breath, and learn to manage the many demands of the holidays. The program will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12 from noon – 1 p.m. in the Seretean Wellness Center lecture hall. Light, heart-healthy holiday refreshments will be served. The program is free but pre-registration is required by Friday, Dec. 8. To register, please e-mail Kendria at kendria.cost@okstate.edu or contact the Seretean Wellness Center at 744.WELL (9355).

Mark calendars now for the SHS Symphony Orchestra

The Stillwater High School Symphony Orchestra, led by OSU alum Scott Jackson, will perform a Holiday Concert at the OSU Seretean Center on Sunday, Dec. 17, starting at 7 p.m. The orchestra is working to earn its way to Carnegie Hall to participate in the National Band and Orchestra Festival there next April. It is actively seeking to earn money for the trip by making ensembles available to play for local gatherings, everything from business meetings to weddings and private parties to church and holiday events. Contact Scott Jackson for more information at (405) 707-5385.

You're invited to the annual holiday happening

Plan to join the President and Mrs. Schmidly as they host their annual holiday happening Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 9 – 11 a.m. in the Student Union Atrium.

Forget lines and doorbuster sales

Shop your Orange Connection Alumni Store 24/7 for great OSU merchandise at great holiday prices. Pistol Pete ornaments are \$3 and the perfect stocking stuffer, or order that special someone an annual alumni tie or scarf. You can even pick them up at the Alumni Center! Great deals and no lines ... What more could a Cowboy fan want? Visit www.orangeconnection.com today.

Wellness tip: Spinach

Did you know that 1 cup of frozen spinach contains only 20 calories? It also contains 2 grams of fiber, 10% of daily needs for vitamin C, 6% of needed calcium, 2% of iron and 110% of vitamin A. Our registered dietitian recommends heating frozen spinach in the microwave as a quick side dish for your dinner. You can also add it to tomato sauce to boost your vegetable intake. 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).