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“Gap Funding” aids in new technology development

OSU’s Technology Business Assessment Group has selected four faculty research projects with commercial potential to receive a total of \$120,000 in “gap funding” for new technology development. TBAG identifies research projects that when fully developed have the potential for real-world application, then helps move those projects forward by awarding funds for early stage development. TBAG, a joint partnership of OSU-Stillwater and OSU-Okmulgee, was formed in 2005 to engage research faculty developing new technologies in the commercialization process. Projects by Drs. Glenn Zhang, Allen Ablett, Neil Purdie and Robert Fulton were chosen. For details of each project, click here <<http://www.vpr.okstate.edu/press/TBAG%20Release%20January%202007.htm>> . For more information about TBAG or the faculty projects mentioned here, please contact Roy Cail, OSU-Okmulgee, (918) 293-5130 or Dr. Steve Price, OSU Stillwater, (405) 744-8920.

College Goal Sunday this weekend

The Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid on the Stillwater campus of Oklahoma State University is again hosting a College Goal Sunday this weekend. It’s an opportunity for current and prospective college students and their families to meet with financial aid staff in a relaxed atmosphere and receive expert advice on financial aid and planning for college. The OSU-Stillwater program will be held in the Student Union Atrium from 2 – 4 p.m. and consist of both browse tables and formal presentations. Financial aid staff will present two 20-minute sessions outlining the entire financial aid process, from application to aid disbursement and beyond. The sessions will be begin at 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. and will include question and answer sessions. If you or someone you know has questions please call (405)744-6604 or e-mail finaid@okstate.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it On-line registration is available at: <http://www.okstate.edu/finaid/workstudy/collegegoal.html>.

OSU-Tulsa Board approves smoking restrictions

The Oklahoma State University-Tulsa Board of Trustees adopted a new policy today that will significantly restrict smoking on campus starting later this semester. The trustees said their intention is to promote a healthier and safer campus environment for students, employees and visitors. The changes, which will be phased in over the next six to eight weeks, will include educating people about the new policy and limiting the number of designated smoking areas. The efforts are part of the OSU System goal to make OSU “America’s healthiest university.”

Relationship check-up offered

In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, a free “relationship checkup” will be offered at the OSU Center for Family Services on Feb. 14 and 15. The check-up will help couples identify strengths and areas to work on in their relationships, as well as identify issues that may arise unexpectedly. The therapists (advanced students in marriage and family therapy) will then present options for dealing with these issues. Dating, engaged or married—all couples are welcome and encouraged to participate in the free relationship check-up. Just call the center at (405) 744-5058 for more information or to set up an appointment. Check-ups will be 45 minutes long, and appointments are available from 4:45 - 8 p.m. both days.

ABLE Tech hosting open house today: Work safer, not harder

The ABLE Tech Open House featuring worksite and farm accommodations is set for today (Thursday, Feb. 8) from 1 - 4:30 p.m. in the Seretean Wellness Center Lecture Hall. The event showcases a variety of devices that can assist with better workstation ergonomics, industrial tools, pagers, reminders, access ramps, etc. In addition, an assortment of farm related tools (gate openers, gauges, and more) will be on display. For more information go to the ABLE Tech website at <http://okabletech.okstate.edu> or call toll free at 1-888-885-5588.

U.S. Secretary of Education representative to deliver Kamm Lecture

Dr. James Davis, regional representative for the Office of U.S. Secretary of Education, will speak on “Helping Higher Education Meet the Challenge,” for the 15th Robert B. Kamm Distinguished Lecture in Higher Education on Feb. 21 at 1:15 p.m. in the Willard Lecture Hall. A distinguished panel of state educators will offer a response following the speech and a reception will be held in the Willard Living Room. The lecture is free and open to the public. Davis serves as an ombudsman on matters of federal support that affects education in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.

OSU Department of Music to present first full scale opera tomorrow

For the first time in the history of Oklahoma State University, the Department of Music will present a full-scale opera, *Suor Angelica* (Sister Angelica), on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center for Performing Arts Concert Hall. The one-act opera by Giacomo Puccini is set in a 17th century convent near Siena where the heroine, Angelica, was sent for punishment seven long years before, when her illegitimate son was taken from her. Angelica is told to renounce her inheritance. She takes action that testifies to her truly selfless nature. Tickets are \$7 general admission and will be sold at the door. There will be no advance reservations and seating is limited, so early arrival is highly recommended. For more information, call the OSU Music Department at (405) 744-4497.

OSU Coaches vs. Cancer – Men’s Swish! Night vs. Texas Tech

This Saturday’s men’s basketball game against Texas Tech has been designated as Swish! Night, an annual fundraiser sponsored by the OSU Coaches vs. Cancer Campaign. Four young cancer survivors will be recognized prior to the start of the basketball game and participate in a one-minute basketball shootout at halftime. Each basket made will be added to the OSU men’s team 3-Point Attack total, adding to pledges for the American Cancer Society’s Coaches vs. Cancer campaign. Thanks to sponsors Chad Clay of Complete Environmental Products, Express Personnel Services and President David Schmidly, the kids and their families will then enjoy the basketball game from the arena suites. The four young cancer survivors are Lacey Rodgers, age 9 from Drumright, Caleb Tiger, age 16 from Pawnee, Austin Giacomo, age 11 of Edmond, and Hannah Turner, age 10, of Guthrie. Fans are encouraged to bring a few extra dollars to the game to donate to the campaign in support of the kids. If you cannot attend the game, you can pledge online at www.osucoachesvscancer.com.

Celebrate “International Writing Center Week” next week

You’re invited to take part in International Writing Center Week, Feb. 12-16, by dropping by the OSU Writing Center in 104 Morrill Hall for snacks, coffee and special events throughout the week. Coffee, Scrabble, crossword puzzles and other word games are on available from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Bring an original poem to read during the Writing Center Poetry Slam from 2:30 – 4 p.m. on Friday. Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the center’s staff will man a table in the Student Union offering help with writing Valentines.

Women’s leadership program to offer keys to success

Female business leaders from across the nation will focus on keys to success and ways to excel during the 16th annual Women’s Business Leadership Program set for Wednesday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tulsa. Topics will include: surviving corporate catastrophies, taking charge of your career, the key to the future of local business, and women in the corporate leadership pipeline. Featured speakers hail from Goodyear, Wal-Mart, Mobil Corp. and travelgirl magazine. Seminar registration is available online at www.cepd.okstate.edu. For more information please contact Vickie Karns, program manager at 405-744-5208 or 1-866-678-3933, or e-mail vickie.karns@okstate.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it The seminar is presented by the International Women’s Forum Leadership Foundation, the Oklahoma International Women’s Forum, and the Center for Executive and Professional Development in the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University.

OSU Non-Traditional Student Organization to host national meeting

The Oklahoma State University Non-Traditional Student Organization will host the 10th annual Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education Conference on March 23-25. More than 50 universities nationwide are expected to send representatives to the conference, which will include more than 20 educational sessions for staff, students and spouses/partners of non-traditional students. The keynote address will focus on assessing adult student strengths and engaging those strengths in campus leadership. Conference information and registration forms are available at <http://www.orgs.okstate.edu/ntso/> by clicking on the ANTSHE National Conference 2007 logo on the right side of the page.

Looking for Daffodil contacts

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days is looking for people on campus willing to serve as contacts in their departments to collect orders for the daffodil sale. People can sign up to help by calling Joyce Montgomery, coordinator of the Service Learning Volunteer Center at (405) 744-5145. Orders will be taken until Feb. 22, and daffodils will be cut and delivered on March 9.

New parking location open for business

The OSU Alumni Association is pleased to announce the opening of its brand new public parking lot. Conveniently located at the corner of University and Hester, the lot features 133 spaces with access to campus as well as area shopping and eating establishments. Daily rates are \$1/hour or \$8/day, and parking spaces are available for students, staff or off-campus visitors. A limited number of semester and yearly permits will be available. For more information, contact the OSU Alumni Association at 405-744-2509.

Taylor's Dining Room has new phone number

The phone number for making reservations at Taylor's Dining Room has changed, it is now (405) 744-8486. Contact Retta Gayle Meigs for reservations Tuesday through Friday at that number until 11 a.m. The dining room is open from 11:15 a.m. – 1p.m. for lunch.

OSU Art Department hosting world renowned visual artist's exhibit

The Oklahoma State University Art department is hosting an extraordinary ceramic art exhibit by world renown California artist Bean Finneran, which is free for the public to view through Feb. 16 in the Gardener Art Gallery at the OSU Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts. The Art Department will be welcoming the public to a reception for Finneran's art on Feb. 16 when she will give a presentation and lecture about her experiences in art. For more information, contact ceramics professor Brandon Reese by e-mail at brandon.reese@okstate.edu This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it , or call the Gardiner Art Gallery at (405) 744-6016. More information about Bean Finneran can be found on her official website at www.beanfinneran.com <<http://www.beanfinneran.com/>> .

Grammy nominated vocalist to perform

Luciana Souza, three-time Grammy nominated Latin jazz vocalist, will perform a concert featuring a variety of musical styles on Friday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. Jazz and classical music, Brazilian native rhythms and poetry-based pieces will all be on tap from Souza, who received the "Female Singer of the Year, 2005" award from the Jazz Journalist Association. She has also performed as a soloist with both the Los Angeles and New York Philharmonic. Souza teaches at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. For tickets: (405) 744-7400. For more information: (405) 744-7509.

Operatic superstar plans two appearances here

Universally acclaimed operatic baritone Sherrill Milnes will be visiting OSU on Feb. 15-16 for a presentation on arts advocacy and a masterclass for OSU Voice majors. His arts advocacy presentation is set for the Edmon Low Library Browsing Room on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. The masterclass for voice majors is scheduled for Willard Hall on Friday from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Milnes is currently the John Evans Distinguished Professor of Music at Northwestern University. For more information, please contact

Richard Novak, assistant professor of voice, at (405) 744-8986.

The role of sex in culture and society

The OSU Sexual Orientation Diversity Association will present "The History of Sex," a look at sex and its role in culture and society throughout the ages with a special focus on sexual orientation and gender identity on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Classroom Building. This is a program in the SODA Sexual Health Series. For more information about the program, contact michael.cich@okstate.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it

OSU Theater presenting "Beautiful Child"

What are the limits of a parent's love? How do we love someone who falls outside our moral code? Nicky Silver answers those questions in his dark and unsettling play Beautiful Child, which will be performed by the Oklahoma State University Department of Theater nightly through Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Jerry L. Davis Studio Theater in Gunderson Hall. An embattled couple must make a terribly painful and magically restorative decision to deal with their adult son's affair with an 8-year-old boy. Tickets are \$5 general admission and will be sold at the door. Due to adult themes, language and subject matter, no one under 18 will be admitted. ID is required for entry. For more information, call the OSU Theater Department at (405) 744-6094. Seating is very limited, no advanced reservations.

Valentine's Day fundraiser to benefit the Children's Miracle Network

The Oklahoma State University Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is partnering with local businesses to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Businesses have donated prizes for a Valentine's week raffle. These include a bouquet of flowers donated by Colonial Florist, a box of chocolates donated by Wal-Mart, and dinner for two donated by Applebee's. The price of one raffle ticket is \$1; 10 tickets can be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. You need not be present to win. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Vanessa Brown, the Psi Chi Club president, Silvia Frutos (silvia.frutos@okstate.edu This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it) or Shelia Kennison (shelia.kennison@okstate.edu This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it), the club advisers. More information about the Children's Miracle Network can be found at: <http://www.childrensmiraclenetwork.org/> <<http://www.childrensmiraclenetwork.org/>> .

Who killed the electric car?

ECO-OSU will show the documentary, "Who Killed the Electric Car," on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., 106 Noble Research Center, OSU campus. The event is open to the public and a panel discussion will follow. "Who Killed the Electric Car" investigates the birth and death of the electric car, as well as the role of renewable energy and sustainable living in the future. For the complete spring 2007 ECO Film Project schedule and a description of each film, visit: www.orgs.okstate.edu/ecoosu/Film2.htm

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 tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 9). Questions? Contact James Rupp, (405) 744-7056, james.rupp@okstate.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it

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 Wednes-

day, 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 This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it or (405) 255-2485.

Wellness tip: Be active during down time

Take advantage of waiting periods to improve your flexibility. Waiting in line, sitting in traffic (arm, shoulder and neck), and waiting to board a plane all offer good chances to get in some stretching. 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).