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FEMA emergency readiness course starts on Sunday

FEMA and OSU are offering a five-week Community Emergency Response Team course to teach emergency response skills and prepare you for action when disaster strikes. The first class will be held this Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. in Colvin Center Room 176. The course will cover several subjects including medical tasks, fire safety and chemical containment. It is open to students and members of the community at no cost to the participant. If you wish to enroll or you'd like more information, contact Student Affairs at (405)744-5328.

Nobel Laureate among speakers for OSU Research Week

The 2004 Nobel Laureate for Physics, Dr. Frank Wilczek from MIT, and Dr. Abel Gonzales, senior advisor with the Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Argentina, are among those scheduled to lecture next week during OSU Research Week in Stillwater. The research week kick-off presentation is set for 9 a.m. Monday and is titled "Collaborative Research: The Right Way." Other early-week lecture titles include:

- "Pictures at an Exhibition: Science, Patriotism, and Civil Society in Imperial Russia"
- "Escherichia Coli in the Tropics: An Example of Diversity and Possible Adaptation"
- "Innovation U: The More-Engaged-than-Before-University"

For a detailed calendar go to www.researchweek.okstate.edu.

Research Symposium to start Wednesday

OSU Research Week will also feature the 18th annual Research Symposium with the largest number of presentations in OSU's history, including 98 posters and 128 papers. Undergraduates will participate more than ever with a record 43 presentations scheduled. A complete schedule of presentations can be found on the Research Symposium website: <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/events/ressymp/default.htm>.

McNair Scholars headed to OSU for symposium

One hundred McNair Scholars representing 27 universities from around the nation will be participating in the 18th annual Research Symposium next week on the Stillwater campus. Their visit is sponsored by the Vice President of Diversity, Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer and the Graduate College. The two-day event includes a day of discussion with graduates from McNair programs currently attending OSU graduate programs, plus visits to departments, concluding with the scholars presenting their original research. All undergraduates in the program are required to conduct intensive research in their area of interest and to pursue a graduate degree.

Library to mark 100th anniversary as a Federal Depository tomorrow

The public is invited to join representatives of the U.S. Government Printing Office and others tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 16) as they formally recognize the OSU Library's 100th anniversary as a Federal Depository from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room. Depository libraries safeguard the public's right to know by collecting, organizing, preserving and assisting users with information from the Federal Government. The OSU Library became a Federal Depository in 1907 by an act of Congress; in 1979, OSU was elevated to Regional Federal Depository status. It is one of only 52 libraries designated to receive all publicly available federal documents.

OSU Art Department to host reception for Finneran, you're invited

Everyone's invited for a last look at Bean Finneran's unique ceramic art as well as a free reception for the artist from 5-6 p.m. tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 16) in the Gardiner Art Gallery at the OSU Bartlett Center for the Visual

Arts. Students and members of the community will be able to meet Finneran and discuss her work. She will present a lecture highlighting her work and inspirations and a visual presentation of her past works from 6 - 7 p.m. For more information about the Bean Finneran Ceramic exhibit and reception call the Gardiner Art Gallery at (405) 744-6016. More information about Bean Finneran go to www.beanfinneran.com.

OSU Theater to offer unique “Julius Caesar”

The OSU Theater Department will offer a non-traditional approach to William Shakespeare’s timeless tragedy “Julius Caesar” from Feb. 21 through the 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vivia Locke Theatre in the OSU Seretean Center. A matinee will also be held on Feb. 25 at 2:30 p.m. This rendition presents an intense picture of the effect of war on a society and the moral questions raised during times of political turmoil and social unrest, which is design to enlighten, call you to action and leave you with a strong sense of human connection. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors, \$10 for general admission. For more information, contact the box office at (405) 744-9208.

OSU Department of Music to present “Elijah”

The OSU Department of Music will present Felix Mendelssohn’s “Elijah” for its annual Presidents Masterwork’s Concert, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. and again Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m. At its first performance in 1856 the oratorio was hailed as an undisputed masterpiece and has remained one of the most performed works in the choral-orchestral repertoire. Elijah relates six Old Testament stories from the prophet’s life and the mixture of recitative, arias and choral movements unfold in extended sections of continuous music. There is reserved seating for the concert, \$10 for non-students and \$7 for student admission. To purchase reserved seats, come to the Music Department, room 132 of the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts.

“Female Terrorists: What Difference Does Gender Make?”

Professor Marilyn Friedman, ethicist, political philosopher and feminist theorist, will be presenting a paper “Female Terrorists: What Difference Does Gender Make?” at the Student Union Theater tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 16) at 3:30 p.m. She will also be available for an informal discussion before her talk from 1 – 3 p.m. in Hanner 302. Professor Friedman is a distinguished feminist scholar whose books include “Autonomy, Gender, Politics” and “What Are Friends For?: Feminist Perspectives in Personal Relationships and Moral Theory.” Her visit to campus is sponsored by the Philosophy Department and a Kirkpatrick Grant. For more information, contact Dr. Lorraine Landry at (405) 744-9234 or lorraine.landry@okstate.edu This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Vietnamese cultural dinner tonight

You’re invited to join others for a Vietnamese Cultural Dinner set for tonight starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Starlite Terrace (4th Union). The menu will feature vegetable salad, Vietnamese spring rolls, steamed jasmine rice, stir fried beef with lemongrass, vegetable curry, stir fried chicken with green beans, bamboo shoots with shiitakes and (for dessert) mixed tropical fruit in ginger syrup. Admission is \$7.50. The dinner is part of a series sponsored by the Student Union Activities Board. floor Student

Volunteers needed to teach workshops at State 4-H Roundup

Volunteers are needed to present educational workshops to youth ages 13-19 at this year’s State 4-H Roundup, set for May 23-25 at OSU in Stillwater. The deadline to volunteer for the 86th annual event is Wednesday, Feb. 28. Surveys show 4-H Roundup is an excellent recruitment tool for OSU. The Roundup planning committee has made it a goal to try to offer workshops from all the different colleges throughout the university this year. For more information, contact Tracy Branch at (405) 744-8891.

Flying Aggies preparing for 60 years

OSU’s Flying Aggies are holding a reunion tomorrow in Texas at Love Field’s Business Jet Center in Dallas. One of the agenda items includes planning for the organization’s 60th anniversary. The Aggies are America’s

most decorated flying organization.

Officers recognized at OSU-Tulsa today

Representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the state were recognized today for saving hundreds of lives on the highways during the 14th annual Buckledown Awards held at OSU-Tulsa. Oklahoma's top police officers received awards during ceremonies in the OSU-Tulsa Auditorium. Awards were also offered to those with exceptional work in traffic safety, impaired driving, as well as occupant protection and child safety. The event is sponsored by State Farm Insurance Companies, SaintFrancis Hospital, Tulsa Safe Kids Coalition, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and OSU-Tulsa.

Operatic superstar makes first appearance tonight

Universally acclaimed operatic baritone Sherrill Milnes will make an arts advocacy presentation tonight at 7 p.m. in the Edmon Low Library Browsing Room. He is also scheduled to present a masterclass for OSU voice majors tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in Willard Hall. 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.

“Who Killed the Electric Car?” set for tonight

It was among the fastest, most efficient production cars ever built. It ran on electricity, produced no emissions and catapulted American technology to the forefront of the automotive industry. So why did General Motors crush its fleet of EV1 electric vehicles in the Arizona desert? Watch for yourself as the documentary “Who killed the electric car?” chronicles the life and mysterious death of the GM EV1, tonight (Thursday, Feb. 15) at 7 p.m. in room 106 of the Noble Research Center. For more details, go to <http://www.sonyclassics.com/whokilledtheelectriccar/electric.html>

Grammy nominated vocalist to perform tomorrow

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.

Legacies to get a sneak peek at OSU

Forty-five OSU legacies and their families are coming to Stillwater on Feb. 16 and 17 for the OSU Alumni Association's Legacy Day Sneak Preview. The students, high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors, will be traveling from across Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Colorado. Once here, they'll be treated to campus tours, sessions with Undergraduate Admissions, Pizza at Hideaway and a game night at the Union. They're also invited to stay over until Saturday for the award-winning Student Alumni Board Leadership Conference. This is the third year for the event, which is a member benefit of the OSU Alumni Association. For more information about the OSU Legacy Program, [click here](#).

Rich heritage of African-Americans to be spotlighted at OSU-Tulsa

In observance of Black History Month, OSU-Tulsa and Langston University-Tulsa will co-host “We've Come This Far: Advocate for Fairness and Truth” from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 16) in North Hall 151. The event, which promotes the rich heritage of African-Americans, will include discussion groups led by Tulsa-area faculty members, authors and historians that serve to connect the past and present education, economic development and race relations issues in the community. The event is free and open to the public. The African-American Student Association will host “A Taste of Soul” on Tuesday, Feb. 20, starting at 4 p.m. in the North Hall Lobby. Samples of various soul food cuisines will be offered.

Let's talk about "Blanche on the Lam" Oklahoma

Join the discussion as featured scholar Caroline Larson offers an in-depth look at "Blanche on the Lam" by Barbara Neely on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 309 of the Stillwater Public Library. This is the fourth 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 the program is provided by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call (405) 744-7331.

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.

Safe Zone Training program scheduled

The next Safe Zone Training program will be offered Friday, Feb. 23, from 2-5 p.m. in Willard 301. Safe Zone is a program which identifies "gay friendly" faculty, staff and students to provide support and resources for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students at Oklahoma State University. If you have questions, or you would like to RSVP for the Safe Zone training, please call Amy Morse at (405) 332-6529 or e-mail at amy.morse@okstate.edu This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it .

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.

Wellness tip: Body fat scales

Many experts feel it is not necessary to purchase a scale that measures both weight and body fat percentage. These expensive scales use a method called bioelectric impedance. The scale applies an electrical current to the body that easily moves through muscle and water, but not fat. Being dehydrated or over-hydrated can affect the accuracy of the reading. 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).