

**July 19, 2006**

### **OSU professors named ASAS Fellows**

The American Society of Animal Science has bestowed its highest honor, the title of “Fellow,” on Donald G. Wagner and Bob Wettemann of Oklahoma State University. Essentially a lifetime achievement award, the title is reserved for those recognized for their scientific achievements and service to the nation’s livestock industry over the course of their career. Wagner has served as animal science department head since 1990. Under his leadership, the department became the largest undergraduate major and scholarship program at OSU and developed state-of-the-art beef cattle and swine research facilities. For more on Wagner, click here <<http://www2.dasnr.okstate.edu/Members/donald.stotts-40okstate.edu/osu2019s-don-wagner-named-national-asas-fellow/>> . Wettemann, an OSU Regents Professor, has focused his research on endocrine mechanisms that control reproductive processes and methods to improve efficiency of beef cattle. A major effect of his research has been to establish that body condition can be used to evaluate supplemental feeding programs of beef cows. For more on Wettemann, click here <<http://www2.dasnr.okstate.edu/Members/donald.stotts-40okstate.edu/animal-scientist-bob-wettemann-earns-national-honor/>> .

### **Center renamed in honor of Robert M. Kerr**

The Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center on the campus of Oklahoma State University has been renamed the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center. The name change is in honor of the late senator’s role in the conception and development of the FAPC. Sen. Kerr was the legislative champion in the two-decade effort to create the state-of-the-art research and technology center. In 1994, Kerr’s efforts were rewarded when his bill to develop the FAPC was unanimously approved by both houses of the legislature and signed by the governor. The FAPC opened for business in early 1997. In 10 years of service to Oklahoma, the FAPC has assisted more than 1,000 Oklahoma clients through 3,000 technical and business projects. For more details, click here <<http://www2.dasnr.okstate.edu/Members/katie.reim-40okstate.edu/fapc-changes-name-to-robert-m-kerr-food-agricultural-products-center/>> . For details on economic impact, click here <<http://www2.dasnr.okstate.edu/Members/katie.reim-40okstate.edu/study-reveals-fapc2019s-10-year-economic-impact/>> .

### **Rise School of Stillwater to offer unique benefits**

The nation’s seventh Rise School will open in Stillwater this fall thanks to state officials and others who have made it possible to bring the national flagship program for children with disabilities to Oklahoma. The school, which will be located at Stillwater Head Start until a permanent location is built, will partner closely with Oklahoma State University. Each classroom will be staffed with a teacher with a master’s degree and experience in teaching children with disabilities as well as two full-time teaching assistants from OSU. The goal for children in the Rise School is to receive personal attention from teachers, special curriculum and specific intervention therapies that will ultimately allow each to graduate with a high school degree. The seed funding to start the process for developing the Rise School came in part from a \$425,000 gift from T. Boone Pickens to the Mya Gonzales Foundation last November. For more details, click here <[http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=709&Itemid=90](http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=709&Itemid=90)> .

### **Alumnus picked to head animal disease center**

The Department of Homeland Security recently appointed Dr. Lawrence Barrett to serve as director of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center for two years. Dr. Barrett received his veterinary degree from Oklahoma State University in 1981. He has served as interim director since October 2006. The Homeland Security Department is in the process of selecting a site to build a facility to replace the Plum Island Animal Disease Center. You can read the entire American Veterinary Medical Association article by clicking the following link [http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/jul07/070715f\\_pf.asp](http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/jul07/070715f_pf.asp).

### **Stiegler to retire, reception tomorrow**

Dr. James H. Stiegler, professor and head of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at Oklahoma State University, will retire July 31, after 36 years in academia as both an administrator and as a state extension specialist. He has been the department head since January 2001 and served as interim head in 1990 and 2000. His career at OSU also included serving as soil management extension specialist, extension turf specialist and extension soybean specialist at various times during his career. Stiegler is widely recognized for his expertise in soils, soil management, and conservation tillage and was an early proponent of no-till farming in Oklahoma. He is also well known around the country for his educational leadership in land judging and as coordinator of the National Land Judging Contest that is held in Oklahoma City—an event that attracts over 1000 4-H and FFA youth from across the U.S. each year. A reception in Stiegler's honor is planned for tomorrow (Friday, July 20) from 2-4 p.m. in the Noble Research Center Atrium. For more details, click here <<http://www.pss.okstate.edu/faculty/stiegler.htm>> .

### **Strathe chair-elect of learning commission**

The Board of Trustees for the Higher Learning Commission has confirmed its selection of Marlene Strathe, interim System CEO and President, Oklahoma State University, as vice chair/chair elect of the board. Strathe will serve on the 2007-2008 executive committee for the board which represents the commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### **Visiting lecturer to offer details on Mali, West Africa**

Dr. Mohomodou Houssouba, visiting lecturer from Basel, Switzerland, will present local knowledge and development theory in Mali, West Africa, including chronicles, lexicography, crops, archeology and agricultural modernization on Tuesday, July 24, at 10 a.m. in 202 Agricultural Hall. His lecture is sponsored by the OSU Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership. For more information, call (405) 744-8036. Read more about the Mali delegation's media internship visit here <[http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=711&Itemid=90](http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=711&Itemid=90)> .

### **Applications available for Sloan Research Fellowships**

Applications are now being accepted for Sloan Research Fellowships. Candidates are nominated by department heads of other senior researchers for the two-year fellowships. Nomination forms are available at [www.sloan.org](http://www.sloan.org) <<http://www.sloan.org/>> .

### **L.A. Times appreciates OSU web offering**

The Los Angeles Times recently ran a news brief about an interactive section of the OSU website that provides a helpful tool for making the right choices when it comes to foods and portions. Click here <<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-hew-booster12jul12,1,753361.story?coll=la-headlines-health&ctrack=1&cset=true>> for the article. Click here <<http://www.okstate.edu/hes/nsci/nutrition/NSCI2114/foodgallery.htm>> for the web page.

### **SUAB hosting Casino Night tonight**

It's Casino Night tonight starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Starlite Terrace (4th floor Student Union). Everything is free. No student I.D. is required. Casino Night is sponsored by the Student Union Activities Board.