

### Giuliani to speak tonight



Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will speak tonight at 7 p.m. at Gallagher-Iba Arena as part of an event hosted by Oklahoma State University and the Student Government Association Speakers Board.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Rudy Giuliani to Oklahoma State University," said OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly. "Mr. Giuliani is one of our nation's premier leaders and we will learn a great deal from his insight and experience. I commend our students for bringing him to our campus."

Eric Money, Speakers Board chairman, said, "We are incredibly excited to host Mr. Giuliani, an important political figure of our time. His speech will be a valuable experience that we hope will reach a large number of students and Oklahoma residents."

Giuliani initially was elected the 107th mayor of New York City in 1993 and reelected in 1997, successive terms marked by quality of life improvements for all New Yorkers. Under his leadership, overall crime fell 65 percent, murder was reduced by 70 percent, and New York City was recognized by the FBI as the safest large city in America for five consecutive years.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the city, Giuliani was widely lauded for his steady hand during frightening times. For his efforts, he was named "Person of the Year" by Time Magazine, knighted by the Queen of England and was presented with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Freedom Award by former first lady Nancy Reagan.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are free for OSU students and faculty and \$5 for all others.

### OSU veterinarians, Oklahoma Humane Society aid canine burn victim

By DERINDA LOWE

On Feb. 19, 2006, Oklahoma wildfires destroyed 600 acres, three homes and two barns. And they nearly cost Sammy Toland his life.

A terrier mix approximately three years old, Sammy belongs to David and Krystal Toland of Braggs. The dog suffered severe burns to 30 percent of its body when the Toland's home was engulfed by a wildfire. Sammy is being treated at the Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

"The first four to five days, the biggest challenge was keeping him stable," said Dr. Jim Giles, a small animal surgery resident at the hospital. "We worked very hard to replace the fluids and protein Sammy lost through the massive burns on his back, shoulders, sides and thighs."

To date, Sammy has undergone 10 different surgeries to remove dead skin and perform skin advancement procedures. The dog has also received skin grafts, with skin from its chest used to cover the burns. During recovery, the dog remains on pain medication and antibiotics.

"The problem with Sammy is that the skin is too weak around most of his wounds to advance it," Giles said. "For his skin advancement, we used sutures to gradually move skin edges towards each other for delayed primary closure. The portions that we could advance are healing well."

Sammy's chances for recovery are excellent, and the dog may be released in several weeks, according to Giles.



The Oklahoma Humane Society and OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences have initiated a campaign to pay for the treatment of Sammy, a dog owned by David and Krystal Toland that was severely injured in Feb. 19 wildfires near Braggs. While providing invaluable training for students, the cost of the dog's care at OSU's veterinary medical teaching hospital has exceeded \$6,000.

"If Sammy had healed without assistance, he may not have survived and certainly would not be able to make an adequate recovery," Giles said. "He would have been disfigured, but more importantly, the skin over his back and hips would have been scarred and less pliable. This would have greatly restricted his mobility to the detriment of his overall health."

Sammy's care at the teaching hospital has been sponsored by the Humane Society. Its owners lost almost everything in the wildfire but are comforted in the survival of the family pooch, according to Cynthia Armstrong, state program manager for the Humane Society.

"The Toland's devotion to Sammy even in the face of their devastating loss is inspiring and a testament to the important role

pets have in our lives," Armstrong said. "I know saving Sammy means everything to Krystal and David, and his presence in their lives will be an important part of their healing and a new beginning for them."

The Humane Society and OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences are seeking support for Sammy. Donations may be made payable to the OSU Foundation, with a notation in the memo for Sammy Toland. Any amount raised in excess of Sammy's needs will be kept in the Brittany Fund, which is used to help seriously ill or traumatized pets from low income families receive appropriate veterinary care.

For more information, call 405-744-6740 or visit [www.cvhs.okstate.edu](http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu).

### Perspective



### Dressing Up OSU

How SGA is working for you

CLAIRE CARTER, SGA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Without services and programs, like those the Student Government Association strives to offer, OSU would be a skeleton with little identity, personality or appeal.

"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society." Mark Twain understood the importance of adequately clothing a person — or in this case, a university.

SGA assists in providing the university with services to enhance students' college experience. Within the past few years, the organization has provided students with free Microsoft and anti-virus software, numerous activities to unite cultures, student tailgating and countless other services.

If you are interested in dressing Oklahoma State University with more services, executive applications are available in 040 or 060 Student Union.

SGA executives have specific roles such as treasurer, Big Event chair, or Programming director. Each position also has a place on the executive cabinet working as a team to advise the president and vice-president.

SGA sponsors a variety of events. Every fall SGA sponsors Toys to the Game, which provides underprivileged children with toys at

Christmas, as well as "Lights on Stillwater," which promotes local businesses and informs students of OSU- and Stillwater-sponsored events.

Every spring the organization hosts Big Event, a service project that assists Stillwater residents in improving their homes.

SGA also brought in the MTV-sponsored event "Rock the Vote" to encourage students to register.

Recently, this association has been a liaison between students and administration through the controversy surrounding the Campus Master Plan. The group also helped students acquire a suite on the North side of Boone Pickens Stadium.

Each year SGA changes to reflect the current student interests and needs.

Some new events to look forward to next fall include OSU hosting the Student Government Big XII Conference, a highly coveted honor.

In addition to the conference, SGA will be working to improve Camp Redlands, the signage on buildings, create a free version of Pick-a-Prof, provide more off-campus benefits and establish student-friendly campus leader forums.

### Fulbright matriarch, director to visit OSU

Opportunities within the federal government's flagship program in international educational exchange will be the topics of presentations next week by Harriet Mayor Fulbright, chairwoman of the Fulbright International Center, and Tony Claudino, the U.S. Student Fulbright Program Outreach director. The senior officials representing the program that annually provides funding for thousands of American scholars to study and conduct research in more than 140 nations will visit campus March 27-28 as the guests of the OSU School of International Studies.

Fulbright will serve as featured speaker Tuesday, March 28 for the Wes Watkins Distinguished Lectureship. Her 2 p.m. lecture, "International Education and Exchange: The Competi-

tive Edge," at the Wes Watkins Center is free and a reception will follow.

In 1996, Fulbright became the unofficial ambassador for the 50th anniversary of the program conceived by her late husband, Sen. J. William Fulbright. She now leads efforts to build ties between the J. William & Harriet Fulbright Center, higher education institutions and scholars and leaders to promote world peace and nonviolent conflict resolution through international collaborations and education programs.

Claudino will conduct an information session on U.S. Student Fulbright Programs at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 28 in room 108 of the Wes Watkins Center. He will provide information on the program's eligibility criteria and application procedures and offer students, faculty and advisers tips on preparing

a competitive application.

Also during his visit, Claudino will meet with university administration to discuss best practices for promoting OSU's increased participation in Fulbright programs.

Established in the aftermath of World War II, the Fulbright Program was proposed by Sen. Fulbright as a vehicle for promoting "mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world." Since its inception, more than 250,000 participants — chosen for their leadership potential — have had the opportunity to observe each other's political, economic and cultural institutions. The Fulbright Program encompasses a variety of exchange programs, including those for faculty, student scholars and professionals.

### Briefly Speaking...

#### Registration closes today for OSU Women's Forum events

Alyce Eichelberger Cleese, 1966 OSU alumna, psychotherapist and author, will speak 3:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 30 at the Student Union Theater as part of the OSU Women's Forum. The forum is cosponsored by OSU Human Resources and the College of Education Associates.

Cleese, the wife of British actor John Cleese, will present her book, "How to Manage Your Mother: Understanding the Most Difficult, Complicated and Fascinating Relationship in Your Life," before giving a book signing in the Student Union Ballroom. The talk and signing are free, but registration is required.

A limited number of seats also are available for a 5:30 p.m. dinner with Cleese hosted by the College of Education Associates on March 30. The cost to attend is \$30 per person, which includes a copy of her book.

To attend either Thursday and Friday's events, register by 5 p.m. today by calling Pamela Reding, COE events manager, at 405-744-8933 or via e-mail at [pamela.reding@okstate.edu](mailto:pamela.reding@okstate.edu)

#### AT&T Transfer Scholarships benefit 140 students

More than 140 students received scholarships from the \$3 million gifted to OSU from AT&T last year. The gift established the state's largest student transfer scholarship program, with individual awards ranging from \$3,000 (\$1,500 per year for two years) to \$4,000 (\$2,000 per year for up to two years) for transferring students. For a complete list of the 2005-06 recipients, visit the OSU Foundation website.

#### Common surgeries topic of pet care seminar

The next OSU Pet Care Seminar will be held on Tuesday, April 4 and detail common pet surgeries. Dr. Kristy Broadus, a small animal surgeon at the OSU's Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, will present information about the basic surgical process and care of a pet from diagnosis to recovery.

Presented by the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, the pet care seminar series equips owners with more knowledge about pet health issues and available veterinary medical resources. The seminars are held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the McElroy Hall auditorium at McFarland and Farm Roads. They are free and open to the public, and light refreshments are complimentary. For more information, contact the CVHS Continuing Education office at (405) 744-7672.

### Have you met...

#### The Mesmers

Drs. Heidi Ann and Eric Mesmer not only are members of the faculty in the College of Education, this husband and wife duo also maintains a research collaboration. Combining Heidi Ann's emphasis on literacy issues, particularly beginning reading programs, and Eric's specialization in school psychology, they have teamed to teach educators how best to assess the literacy needs of at-risk students at the earliest educational levels.

Funded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education through the federal No Child Left Behind program, their "Teach for Achievement" project involves teachers at Coyle Elementary School. It is part of a greater effort to reduce future learning obstacles.

