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Vet Center, Presbyterian Health Foundation dedicate lab

OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences on Thursday ceremoniously dedicated a new biosafety level 3 laboratory facility, a recognition of the Presbyterian Health Foundation for its investment in veterinary medical research at OSU. The result of a partnership marked by the foundation's \$1 million gift to the veterinary center, the facility greatly expands capabilities for biodefense and emerging infectious disease research.

"This partnership has made it possible for us to provide a much needed resource for OSU, as well as other entities in the state and in the region," said Presbyterian Health Foundation President Michael Anderson.

According to Dr. Michael Lorenz, professor and dean of the veterinary center, the Presbyterian Health Foundation Veterinary Medical Research Laboratory will provide a state-of-the-art facility for infectious diseases research.

"This is one of only four biosafety level 3 animal facilities in the region," Lorenz said. "This facility will enhance biodefense and research on emerging infectious diseases,

which is very important to animal and human health."

In addition to expanding the veterinary center's capabilities to continue this type of research, the new laboratory also is open to scientists at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Among projects that will benefit from the new facility are a current partnership between OSU and the Baylor College of Medicine and planned projects with OMRF.

According to Lorenz, capabilities within the PHF Veterinary Medical Research Laboratory will support competition by OSU veterinary researchers for new grants and contracts, potentially increasing the flow of research dollars into the state.

OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is part of the Western Regional Center for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases, a National Institutes of Health-funded medical center based in Galveston, Texas. The region covers Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.



OSU-Tulsa debuts program, scholarship for teachers

A new degree and scholarship program has been introduced at OSU-Tulsa for education students and teachers.

OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl and Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent Michael Zolkoski last week announced the Educating Educators program. The initiative includes the addition of an undergraduate degree in elementary education with a strong emphasis in math, science and teaching diverse learning.

"Our goal is to produce more teachers and principals for the Tulsa area," Trennepohl said. "OSU-Tulsa will accomplish this by offering expanded education degrees, increasing scholarships available to education students and developing a post-baccalaureate program for individuals who want to enter the teaching profession but don't have an education degree."

The Educating Educators scholarships will be available to undergraduate education students as well as individuals who wish to pursue graduate degrees in education at OSU-Tulsa.

"OSU-Tulsa recognizes the commitment educators make to the students in our schools every day," Trennepohl said. "With the Educating Educators scholarship program, we want to honor that dedication by providing resources

to those in the education discipline."

Zolkoski lauded the university's commitment to the teachers and principals in Tulsa and the surrounding areas.

"Better-prepared teachers and principals translate to better students," Zolkoski said. "Through these scholarships, OSU-Tulsa is investing in our teachers and school administrators, whose passion for learning and teaching should not be limited by funding concerns."

The undergraduate scholarship, for full-time students pursuing bachelor's degrees in early childhood education and elementary education, is a waiver of tuition for hours above 12 credit hours per semester.

"Educating Educators is a one-of-a-kind scholarship that provides an incentive for students to complete their degrees in a more timely manner by taking more hours each semester," Trennepohl said. "Our education students will have the opportunity to receive five or six courses for the price of four."

The Educating Educators graduate scholarship is a waiver of tuition on courses above six credit hours per semester. It is available to students working toward master's and doctoral degrees in counseling, early childhood education, education, educational psychology, higher education, school administration, and teaching, learning and leadership.

NASA powwow on Saturday

In order to bring its powwow to a major venue, OSU's Native American Student Association will combine what were previously fall and spring powwows into one large celebration.

The OSU Fall Powwow will be held Oct. 14 in Gallagher-Iba Arena from noon until 11 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and will include traditional American Indian dancing, drumming and other cultural activities. An authentic American Indian dinner will be provided.

According to NASA faculty adviser Stuart Sparvier, expected attendance is more than 2,000 people, significantly higher than the attendance of previous powwows.

According to the Powwow Etiquette Brochure, tribes with different languages had to adjust to language barriers as they began to celebrate powwows together. The tradition is still observed today. Powwow songs typically contain vocables, or sounds with no literal meaning, instead of lyrics.

Prizes will be awarded to the top child,



adult and senior dancers. An open drum contest sponsored by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce also will be held.

Sparvier estimated 100 or more dancers will compete for the grand prizes of \$200 in the tiny tots, junior and golden age categories, and \$400 in the

adult categories.

"The dancing is as intense as any athletic competition I've ever seen," Sparvier said.

Participants in the drumming competition will vie for a \$900 grand prize.

In addition to the free performances and food, American Indian art and memorabilia will be on display and available for purchase from Native artisans.

Sparvier invites all who have not attended a powwow and those who have to "come, sit, listen and appreciate the tradition and heritage represented."

Additional sponsors of the powwow include the OSU Student Government Association, Ketchum House and Tulsa's Cherokee Casino.

America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration is...
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The 85th OSU Homecoming Celebration will be commemorated with a timeless theme, "Forever Orange," highlighting the spirit and tradition of the event as well as the university.

OSU's homecoming tradition began in 1913 as part of the Harvest Carnival, but the first official Homecoming Celebration wasn't until 1920. On Oct. 30, 90 Oklahoma A&M

alumni returned to Stillwater for festivities including the football game against Texas A&M, a dance and a dinner hosted by Alumni Association President Monroe Otey.

The tradition that brings thousands back to campus the night before the game, the now renowned tradition of house decorations, also started in the 1920s when sororities started to decorate their doorways. In 1930, when the first Homecoming Parade made its way a mile down Main Street, more than 17,000 alumni returned to Oklahoma State to renew old friendships and show their pride in the Orange and Black.

As part of the "Forever Orange" celebration, the OSU Alumni Association will recognize the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College class of 1956. In conjunction with the class of '56 reunion, the Alumni Association and various colleges will host events including receptions and campus tours. The class will sit in reserved VIP seating at the parade and the football game.

The university welcomes the class of '56 as well as all alumni, friends and family home to America's greatest homecoming celebration, "Forever Orange" 2006.

2006 Homecoming Schedule of Events

Monday, October 16

Sign competition ~ Library Lawn/Student Union
Residential Life Bash ~ Colvin Center Annex ~ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

Harvest Carnival & Chili Cook-off ~ Payne County Expo Center ~ 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

H2O Tailgate ~ Library Lawn ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Street Painting ~ Hester Street ~ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 19

Orange Reflection ~ Residence Halls

Friday, October 20

Alumni Registration ~ ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center ~ 11 a.m. ~ Walkaround
Class of 1956 Reunion ~ ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center ~ 1 - 4:00 p.m.
Black Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament ~ Cimarron Trails ~ Perkins ~ 9:30 a.m.
Walkaround ~ Greek Houses ~ 6 - 10 p.m.
Cowgirl Soccer vs. Nebraska ~ Cowgirl Soccer Complex ~ 7 p.m.
Spirit Rally ~ Gallagher-Iba Arena ~ 9:30 p.m.
Orange Glow ~ Stillwater Restaurants and Merchants

Saturday, October 21

Alumni Registration ~ ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center
Sea of Orange Parade ~ Main Street ~ 9 a.m.
Basketball Bash ~ Gallagher-Iba Arena ~ 1 p.m.
Football Game ~ Boone Pickens Stadium ~ 6 p.m.

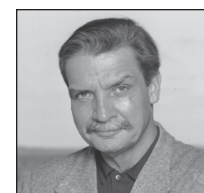
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Rewarding environmental stewardship

OSU students engaged in the fight to save Oklahoma's native plants and wildlife and clean air present their work at a gathering of the nation's top, up-and-coming environmental researchers.



Real Wild Mother Road Songdog Diary

Michael Wallis, inaugural speaker for the Friends of the OSU Library's H. Louise & H.E. "Ed" Cobb Speaker Series, returns as the featured author for the 15th annual installment.