

911 system calls for campus sign-up

are you ready?

To ensure the alert system has the most accurate information, individuals should log into their O-Key account (okey.okstate.edu). Once logged in:

Emergency Voice Alerts

- Click on "Emergency Contacts" in the left-hand nav bar.
- Under the emergency contacts section, use the drop-down menu to select "Emergency Voice."
- Submit emergency contact number.

Emergency Text Alerts

- Repeat the process, selecting "Emergency Text" under the emergency contacts section.
- Once a number is entered, select a cell carrier to match the number with an email address.
- Be sure to request a test message.

Contact the IT help desk (405-744-HELP or helpdesk@okstate.edu) with questions or problems. Information should be updated with any changes.

OSU students, faculty and staff are being asked to register for the reverse 911 system in observance of Disaster Preparedness Month.

In order to broaden its ability to reach the campus community in the event of an emergency, the university has implemented a system that allows immediate distribution of voice and text alerts.

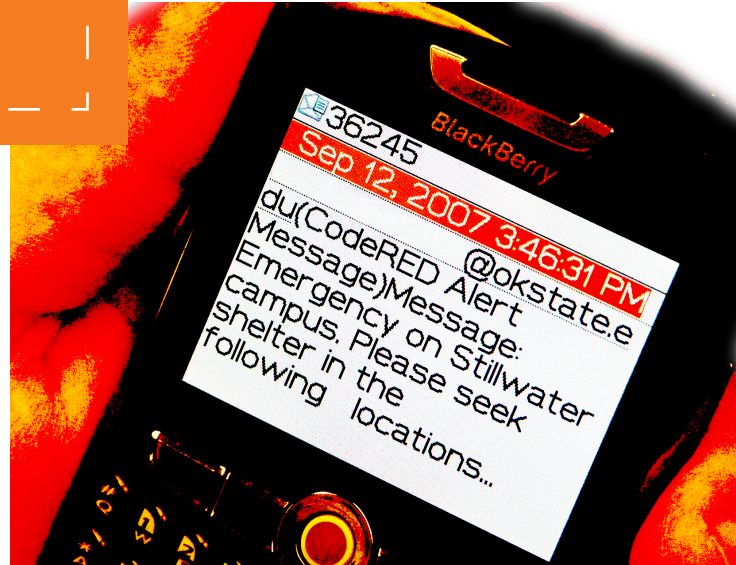
"The tragic event at Virginia Tech emphasized the need to get this tool in place," said interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. "In any emergency situation, the key is to have multiple methods of communicating to our campus. This is an important addition to our communications plans, and I urge everyone to provide their emergency contact information."

The voice and text numbers will be used by OSU to alert the campus community of an emergency. Except for occasional tests, the system and contact numbers will not be used for any other purpose.

No policy, plan or system can guarantee safety on a university campus where thousands of people live, gather and interact every day. OSU hopes to remain one of the safest campuses in the Big 12 Conference for students, faculty, staff and guests by better enabling individuals to remain aware in situations when their well-being may be threatened.

Signing up for the reverse 911 system, which will complement the university's public address towers and sirens, is an easy step to taking a little responsibility for one's own safety.

"The reverse 911 system is just one of the things we can use to notify students, faculty and staff of incidents in a timely manner in an emergency, whether it's a hazardous materials spill or a tornado approaching campus," said OSU Student Affairs Vice President Lee Bird, who serves as emergency operations commander for the university. "Since it's provided by a service outside the university, there will still be a possibility of getting word out if our



campus communications systems fail."

"But people need to log on and sign up," Bird said. "More than 80 percent of freshmen have provided their contact information as a result of orientation, but sophomore, junior, senior and graduate students, faculty and staff haven't been as proactive."

According to Bird, many opportunities exist for students, faculty and staff to become proactive in ensuring their own safety and that of others on the OSU campus. From incident management workshops and Citizens Emergency Response Team and first aid certification to perusing the Environmental Health and Safety website for seasonal tips and simply remaining aware of one's surroundings, individuals can become empowered at many different skill levels for little to no cost and varying degrees of effort.

"Safe communities are where we have a kind of neighborhood watch concept and where we look out for each other. It's everybody's business," Bird said. "In any community, anyone can be injured. A person can bleed to death in minutes. It takes only three minutes without air to suffer brain damage."

"Do we really want to call 911 and wait for emergency services or the fire department to come along and take care of every situation?" she said. "It makes sense to get some training, not only for your own safety but those you care about, for times of real need."

OSU rural health center named a public health champion

The Center for Rural Health at the OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa was selected as a winner in the "Champion of Public Health" category of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma Champions of Health Awards.

The rural health center strives to improve the health and well-being of rural Oklahomans, more than half of the state's population. Responsible for the rural education portion of OSU's nationally ranked medical school, the center administers osteopathic student education and residency training, research, program applications, advocacy and alliances with other organizations that share the same goals.

The center impacts osteopathic physicians and their rural practices, strengthening the broader health care delivery systems in the rural communities.

Awards will be presented at the 2007

Champions of Health Awards, 6 p.m., Oct. 8, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. The event features 2006 Miss America Jennifer Berry as master of ceremonies and former U.S. Congressman J.C. Watts as keynote speaker.

Tickets to the Champions of Health awards banquet may be purchased for \$25 each, and event sponsorships benefit the Oklahoma Caring Foundation's children's health initiatives. For more information, visit www.championsofhealth.org or call 1-866-876-4376.

The Champions of Health awards program was created in 2004 by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Hospital Association, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

Students win national study abroad scholarships

OSU art and engineering scholars will enhance their educations with study abroad experiences this semester and have received nationally competitive scholarships to pay for their stays in South Korea.

Ashley Burt, a studio art sophomore from Stillwater, won the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. The \$2,000 award was given to 420 outstanding American undergraduate students from more than 230 colleges and universities throughout the United States for study during the 2007-2008 academic year. Burt will spend the year at Ewha Womans University in Seoul through the OSU reciprocal exchange program there.

Gilman Scholars receive up to \$8,000 to apply toward study abroad program costs. Applications for spring 2008 study abroad scholarships are due Oct. 9 and are available at www.iie.org/gilman. Students receiving a federal Pell Grant from two- and four-year institutions are encouraged to apply.

Blake McAskill, a civil and environmental engineering senior from Altus, received a \$5,000 Freeman-ASIA Scholarship. He will attend Yonsei University in Seoul this fall through the OSU reciprocal exchange program and plans to pursue studies in engineering, as well as in Korean language and culture.

The Freeman-ASIA (Freeman Awards for Study in Asia) program is designed to support American undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study overseas in East or Southeast Asia. The program offers scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$8,000 for study during summer, semester and academic year programs. Deadline for spring semester programs is Oct. 17.

The Gilman and the Freeman-ASIA scholarships are administered by the Institute of International Education. They are coordinated at OSU by the Study Abroad Office. For more information, visit the IIE website, <http://www.iie.org> or contact the OSU Study Abroad Office, 060-G Student Union, at 744-8569 or e-mail abroad@okstate.edu.

OKLAHOMA STATE Portraits

Celebrating the Centennial: OSU contributions



As director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, OSU alumnus Joe Allbaugh faced an unimaginable test six years ago this

week, responding to the attack on September 11, 2001.

The former FEMA director says the best decision he made was not to federalize the response to 9/11 in New York City. He recognized the response, recovery and healing required that residents be deeply involved.

Allbaugh credits his Oklahoma upbringing with giving him a strong work ethic that has served him and the nation in trying times.

Today Allbaugh heads a business consulting firm, The Allbaugh Company, LLC.

His profile is just one of many featured in the book "Oklahoma State Portraits: Celebrating the Centennial of Oklahoma Statehood".

Registration open for Seretean Memorial Walk

The Seretean Memorial Wellness Walk, the one-mile fun walk to benefit the United Way, has been scheduled for Sept. 27. Registration is \$15 and includes a commemorative T-shirt, and signing up immediately can help ensure the availability of a shirt the day of the event.



Initially called the President's Wellness Walk for United Way, the walk was renamed this year to honor the late Bud Seretean, alumnus and champion of health, wellness and the arts at OSU.

Registration forms are available at the Seretean Wellness Center and Colvin Center, from campus United Way team captains or online at wellness.okstate.edu. For an additional \$5, participants will receive a heart healthy lunch provided by University Dining Services.

Proceeds from the walk will be donated to the Stillwater United Way. For more information, call 744-WELL or send an email to wellness@okstate.edu.

Academics at a glance. . .



Nutritional Sciences department, Human Environmental Sciences

Offers a bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences with options in human nutrition/premedical science, community nutrition, nutrition and exercise, allied health, dietetics, professional studies and pre-law; and master's and Ph.D. degrees in nutritional sciences. • 13 faculty and approximately 478 students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Nancy Betts (2004) • Researchers in the department are studying bioactive food components that may reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases.



Animal Science, Agriculture

Offers bachelor's degrees in animal science and food science with options in business, production and ranch operations, livestock merchandising, pre-vet, animal biotechnology and international; master's degrees in animal science and food science; and Ph.D. degrees in animal breeding and reproduction, animal nutrition and food science • 37 faculty and approximately 760 students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Donald Wagner (1990) • Department head Wagner is the only remaining, active member of the OSU faculty and staff that established the land-grant university system in Ethiopia.



Boone Pickens School of Geology, Arts and Sciences

Offers bachelor's and master's degrees in geology, and a Ph.D. degree in environmental science • 11 faculty and approximately 132 students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Jay Gregg (2005) • The average starting annual salary in the petroleum industry for geology graduates with M.S. degrees is \$75,000.



School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Engineering

Offers bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering (including pre-med option) and aerospace engineering, and master's and Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering with specializations in advanced manufacturing processes, dynamic systems and control, fluid mechanics and aerodynamics, solid mechanics and thermal systems • 26 faculty and approximately 751 students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Lawrence Hoberock (1987) • Alumni who became CEOs include Wayne Allen of ConocoPhillips, Ed Malzahn of Ditch Witch, Jack Zink of Zeeco, Ray Booker of Aeromet, and Jack Lee of Jamco Aerospace.