

Students to make OSU gamedays green

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Oklahoma State University will kick off "Real Cowboys Recycle," a student-run tailgate recycling program, during this Saturday's football game against Texas Tech.

OSU's Student Government Association and the Stillwater campus's grass-roots environmental organization, ECO-OSU, have partnered to coordinate "Real Cowboys Recycle." The program was initiated by biosystems and agricultural engineering junior Cortney Timmons, an Ada native who in May became OSU's latest Morris K. Udall Scholar.

"I've been trying to tackle the giant of general recycling all over campus, and I thought this would be a great way to springboard recycling at OSU and in Stillwater," said Timmons, who is also chairwoman of SGA's recycling committee.

Timmons modeled "Real Cowboys Recycle" after "Tiger Tailgate Recycling," a program conceived by University of Missouri students in 2006. She met one of the students, Adam Sanders, a fellow Udall Scholar, at a summer orientation for recipients of the nationally competitive award for students committed to careers in the environment, health care and tribal public policy.

"Adam encouraged me to take the plunge and start a similar program at OSU," Timmons said. "The program at Mizzou was a great way for students to interact with alumni and tailgaters, and that is something I hope our program promotes, too."

A recycling hub located at the SGA tailgate site on the north side of Boone Pickens Stadium will include bins for plastics, aluminum and paper. Student volunteers also will visit other tailgate sites distributing information about the recycling program and conservation.

In support of the 2007 OSU Homecoming philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity, aluminum cans will be donated to Cans for Habitat, the national partnership between the Aluminum Association and Habitat for Humanity International. Recycled paper and plastics will be taken to Allied Waste Services.



Cortney Timmons

Timmons believes success with "Real Cowboys Recycle" will lead to additional partnerships between OSU's Student Government Association and other organizations working to promote recycling and conservation.

"Mike Warren, Emilee Lehenbauer and I have been talking about bringing more recycling to our campus ever since they decided to run for SGA president and vice president," said Timmons, who subsequently became the first appointment to the recycling leadership position Warren and Lehenbauer created.

"SGA has the funds, manpower and pull on campus to make this happen," Timmons said. "Now all we need are OSU students, faculty, fans and alumni to show what it means to be a real cowboy – and recycle!"

For more information about the tailgate recycling program, or to help, contact Cortney Timmons at cortnet@okstate.edu.

OKLAHOMA STATE Portraits

Celebrating the Centennial: OSU contributions



More than 25 years ago Matt Carey graduated from the OSU-Okmulgee information technology program. In February of 2006 he became the chief

technology officer and senior vice president for eBay Marketplaces, one of the most innovative and sophisticated online transaction platforms in the world. In a single day Carey oversees the handling of the online sale or auction of millions of items.

Carey's story is an example of how OSU degrees and training are excellent preparation for career success. His profile is just one of many featured in the book "Oklahoma State Portraits: Celebrating the Centennial of Oklahoma Statehood".

OSU-Tulsa to host Graduate Studies Fair

Master's and doctoral programs at OSU's Tulsa, Stillwater and Center for Health Sciences campuses will be showcased Sept. 25 during a Graduate Studies Fair at OSU-Tulsa. Free and open to the public, it will be held from 3:30 – 6 p.m. in OSU-Tulsa's North Hall Lobby.

Students and professionals seeking to advance their careers can explore programs and attend informational sessions on applying to graduate school, admission and degree requirements and scholarships and funding.

Topics at the Graduate Studies Fair will include preparing for graduate entrance exams, tips on applying to graduate school, and financial aid and scholarships for graduate students.

For more information, call 918-594-8355.

Chesapeake to fund more scholarships



Chesapeake Senior Vice Presidents Jennifer Grigsby, Martha Burger and Jeff Fisher join Pistol Pete and interim OSU President Marlene Strathe at Chesapeake headquarters in Oklahoma City this week for the energy corporation's announcement of a \$500,000 donation to fund scholarships in geology and engineering. The donation raises Chesapeake's scholarship commitment to \$1 million.

OSU alumnus named Army's top veterinarian

Capt. Robert Vince Hawley, DVM, recently received the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps' "Above and Beyond Award." A 2003 graduate of the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Hawley is currently stationed at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey.

According to Hawley, each Veterinary Corps commander worldwide selects his or her top captain or clinic to go before a board composed of Veterinary Corps colonels. The board then selects the winner.

"It's like saying this is the No. 1 veterinarian for the Army," Hawley said. "This year it

was me. I'm so excited."

Hawley will attend a Ways and Means Committee meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in September to help shape the future of Army veterinary medicine. He is the only overseas veterinarian who will be in attendance.

"Capt. Hawley impressed us with his strong work ethic, devotion to learning, and outstanding interpersonal skills during veterinary college," said Dr. Michael Lorenz, professor and dean of the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. "I am not surprised that he won the award. We are very pleased with his recog-

niton and very proud that he is a 'Cowboy Veterinarian.'"

Hawley's service abroad will continue for another year before he and his family return to the United States.

The nation's single largest employer of veterinarians, the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps exists to protect America's fighting men and women and support the national military strategy.

Approximately 700 U.S. Army veterinarians currently are serving on active duty and in reserve components.



Academics at a glance. . .

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Offers a bachelor's degree in plant and soil sciences with options in ecosystem management, crop science or soil science; master's of science or agriculture in plant and soil sciences; and Ph.D. degrees in crop science, environmental science, plant science and soil science • 22 faculty and approximately 270 undergraduate and 133 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. David Porter (2007) • Guymon, Wrangler, Yukon, Patriot and Riviera are varieties of bermudagrass developed by the department's researchers.

School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering

Offers bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees in electrical and computer engineering with specializations in energy and power systems, electronics and solid state devices, controls, communications and systems, electromagnetics and photonics and general electrical engineering • 24 faculty and approximately 270 undergraduate and 133 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Keith Teague (2004) • 2003 alumnus Ed Daniel, Technical Staff at Northrop Grumman Space Technology, was named "Most Promising Engineer in Industry" at the 2007 National Black Engineer of the Year Awards.

Finance department, Spears School of Business

Offers a bachelor's degree with specializations in finance and commercial bank management; a master's degree in quantitative financial economics and master's in business administration; and a Ph.D. degree in business administration • 14 faculty and approximately 396 undergraduate and 38 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. John Polonchek (2006) Students trained on the Watson Trading Floor use the same computational and trading software as used by professionals on Wall Street.

Physics department, Arts & Sciences

Offers bachelor's degrees in physics and applied physics; master's degrees in physics and natural and applied sciences; and Ph.D. degrees in physics and photonics • 25 faculty and approximately 27 undergraduate and 55 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. James Wicksted (2004) • The department is home to the Oklahoma Center for High Energy Physics, a consortium of universities for high energy experimental and theoretical physics studying questions such as the origin of mass, fundamental forces of nature and possible existence of extra dimensions.