

Pregame pageantry to honor Armed Forces

Pageantry honoring men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces will precede the OSU-Texas football game at Boone Pickens Stadium.

The event will be an opportunity for fans to acknowledge the service and sacrifices of people such as Cpl. Kristopher McVay and 1st Lt. Morgan Ashworth. The OSU students and Army Reservists with the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion in Tulsa were awarded Bronze Stars in Iraq on Friday, Oct. 26.

Ashworth and McVay are part of a five-man team from the 486th assigned to the 1/9 Infantry Manchu, an Army active duty component stationed at Camp Corregidor in Ramadi in Iraq's Anbar Province, a bloody center of the insurgency. As members of the 486th, they assist in the search for insurgents and weapons and explosives caches by leading interactions between locals and the 1/9th, a regiment recognized as a Unit of Valor for its exploits in Anbar Province.

McVay, a transfer student from Freedom, Okla., was responsible for the arrest of a major al Qaeda supporter. McVay discovered the senior terrorist hiding in a residence and recognized him as a man appearing on most wanted lists for funneling \$300,000 each month into Ramadi to support the insurgency.

Ashworth, an animal science doctoral student from Lone Grove, Okla., received his second Bronze Star for valor for retrieving wounded fellow soldiers while under fire during a raid engaged by insurgents last February in the MaLaab district of eastern Ramadi. His bravery and devotion to duty contributed to the saving of five lives during the ambush.

According to an Army Recommendation of Award certificate: "Ashworth, without regards to his safety ran under heavy machine gun fire into the open street and carried a severely wounded Iraqi soldier to immediate cover, and (began) rendering first aid while still under direct fire from the enemy."



From left: Cpl. Kristopher McVay, 1st Lt. Morgan Ashworth, interpreter Abu Laith and 1st Sgt. Mike Shanahan from the U.S. Army Reserve 486th Civil Affairs Battalion are shown in Iraq. McVay and Ashworth are OSU students and received Bronze Stars Oct. 26.

"Enemy machine gun fire was still producing coalition casualties; therefore, 1st Lt. Ashworth determined that a vacant house was to be used for casualty collection and as a strongpoint," wrote Master Sgt. Charles E. Smith, who nominated Ashworth for the medal.

Inside the strongpoint, Ashworth began treating wounded soldiers and triaging patients until a combat medic arrived. He exposed himself to heavy machine gun fire two more times carrying wounded.

McVay and Ashworth's unit has been in Iraq since November 2006. They will return stateside later this month.

Pregame festivities Saturday will include an appearance by Challenger, the first bald eagle in U.S. history trained to free-fly into major league sports stadiums, during the National Anthem.

In addition, OSU has planned a fly-over featuring four F-16 "Fighting Falcon" aircraft piloted by OSU alums from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing.

University Health Services accreditation renewed

OSU University Health Services has achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, its fifth consecutive three-year accreditation award dating to 1995.

According to UHS director Steve Rogers, status as an accredited organization means UHS has passed a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care. Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive on-site, peer-based survey of its facilities and services.

"Accreditation underscores our long-standing commitment to providing the highest possible levels of quality care to the community we serve," Rogers said. "We are pleased and proud to have our efforts recognized with this

accreditation."

More than 3,000 ambulatory health care organizations throughout the United States are accredited by the AAAHC. Among the types of organizations that can seek AAAHC accreditation are ambulatory and office-based surgery centers, single and multi-specialty group practices, college health centers, dental group practices, community health centers, occupational health centers and managed care organizations.

University Health Services is the ambulatory care facility on OSU's Stillwater campus for students who become ill or injured. Its staff of 40 that includes six physicians and a physician associate, 13 nurses and other health professionals handle more than 26,000 medical visits each year.

OKLAHOMA STATE Portraits

Celebrating the Centennial: OSU contributions



The work of emeritus professor Ella Jack is featured in the Centennial Annual Faculty Exhibition, a show of current and former OSU art professors that celebrates Oklahoma's Centennial.

The collection of more than 30 works juxtaposed with current pieces and historical images of the art department will remain on display in the Gardiner Art Gallery at the Bartlett Center through Nov. 9. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Read about the Bartlett Center and Gardiner Art Gallery in Oklahoma State Portraits: Celebrating the Centennial of Oklahoma Statehood.

Vet-med and CASNR honor distinguished alumni

Drs. Anton Kammerlocher and Lee G. Simmons Jr. will be honored today during the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences' Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center.

Since Simmons became director of the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo in 1970, it has consistently been ranked among the top 10 best zoos in North America. He is a 1963 graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Kammerlocher, who completed his DVM at OSU in 1957, served in the U.S. Air Force Veterinary Corps and on the faculty at the Imperial Ethiopian College of Agriculture before establishing Anton's Animal Hospital in 1965. He retired from his practice in Norman in 2001.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources recently honored Eddie Smith, Byrd Curtis and Dennis White with its 2007 Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Awards.

Visit <http://www.cvm.okstate.edu/> for more on Kammerlocher and Simmons.

Stories on Smith, Curtis and White can be found by visiting <http://www2.dasnr.okstate.edu/> and clicking on "Latest News."



Kammerlocher



Simmons



Smith

Curtis

White

Education within reach for transfer students

A total of 271 students have received AT&T/OSU Presidential Transfer Scholarships to attend OSU for the 2007-08 academic year.

The AT&T/OSU Presidential Transfer Scholars were awarded scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$2,000 per year for up to two years. The awards are part of a \$3 million AT&T Foundation Grant to OSU that funds one of the largest college student transfer programs in Oklahoma.

"This dynamic partnership with AT&T is making a lasting impact on the educational development of our citizens and on the future economic development of our state," said interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe.

Academics at a glance...



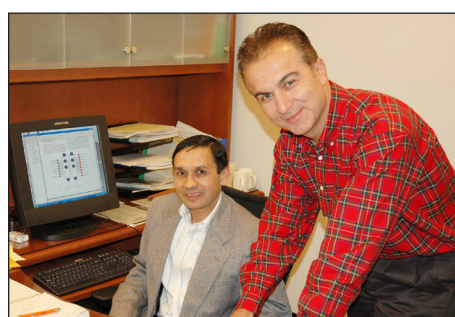
Statistics department, Arts and Sciences

Offers bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees in statistics • 7 faculty and approximately 14 undergraduate and 23 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. William Warde (1998) • Aventis, Koch Industries, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Florida are just a few places OSU statistics graduates are employed.



School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology, Education

Offers bachelor's, master's, Ph.D. and Ed.S. degrees in community and school counseling, counseling psychology, educational psychology, school psychology, physical education, athletic training, health and human performance, therapeutic recreation and leisure studies. • 35 faculty and approximately 597 undergraduate and 365 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. John Romans (2006) • The majority of the school's programs hold accreditation from the appropriate national accrediting bodies.



Management Science and Information Systems department, Business

Offers bachelor's degrees in management information systems with options in information assurance and other areas; master's degrees in management information systems and telecommunications management; and Ph.D. degrees in business administration • 14 faculty and approximately 162 undergraduate and 154 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Rick Wilson (2002) • A published study by faculty in the department reveals opting to go on defense first may not be the best strategy for teams in overtime of college football games.



Human Development and Family Science department, Human Environmental Sciences

Offers bachelor's degrees in early childhood education and child and family services with options in child care administration, child and parenting practitioner/child life specialist, family life educator and gerontology; and master's and Ph.D. degrees in human development and family science • 24 faculty and approximately 566 undergraduate and 79 graduate students • DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Kathleen Briggs (2002) • Department faculty are helping assess the delivery of family services to grandparents in Oklahoma, the state with the highest number of grandparents per capita raising grandchildren.

An Orange Banner Day

Three 16-foot banners were unfurled Tuesday on the Donald W. Reynolds School of Architecture Building to signify the ceremonial start of its renovation and expansion. The \$16 million project is being funded primarily by a \$14.8 million gift from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, whose representative joined OSU Board of Regents members, administrators, faculty, students, alumni and staff at the groundbreaking celebration. Also on hand were representatives from Studio Architects, the project architect, and Oscar J. Boldt Construction, project construction manager. The building is expected to be completed by summer 2009. On Thursday, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture and OSU Regent Terry Peach joined university officials, faculty members and others at the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of the OSU Veterinary Health Science Center's Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

