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A report to the OSU/A&M Regents from the OSU President

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Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holidays....



People gather around the Angel Tree in Stillwater's Student Union Atrium to select an "angel" to help for the holidays.

Students, faculty and staff are showing their holiday spirit on the campuses of Oklahoma State University.

In Stillwater, the Non-Traditional Student Organization unveiled its Angel Tree in the Student Union Atrium, with approximately 365 "angels" that are being adopted this season. NTSO works with numerous Stillwater organizations each year to help make the holidays happier for children.

OSU-Tulsa also is sponsoring its annual Angel Tree to collect clothes, toys and other holiday gifts for disadvantaged children at two of the university's Partners in Education schools, Academy Central Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary.

OSU-OKC highlighted the season with a new event, its holiday tree-lighting ceremony complete with orange lights. The tree is located by the pond at the Administration Building, and the public was invited to enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, singing by pre-K students from the campus Child Development Center, and a visit from Santa Claus.



OSU-OKC's tree is a 50-foot bald cypress that has been decorated with hundreds of strands of orange lights.

OSU Sets Record for FY08 Sponsored Programs

The total for sponsored programs at Oklahoma State University was up more than \$25 million for FY08 to \$270.8 million. The figure, which represents all money spent on OSU sponsored programs – including research – over the course of the 2007-2008 fiscal year, is a ten percent increase over the FY07 total and sets a new record for sponsored programs at OSU.

"OSU research is on a steady growth pattern," said Stephen McKeever, OSU vice president for research and technology transfer. "This increase shows that OSU researchers are acquiring more grant awards and that overall OSU is enhancing its ability to create new technologies that meet the needs of our society."

The figure includes plant funds, which are dollars spent for building projects that support research. A major portion of the FY08 plant funds went toward the continued construction of the new Interdisciplinary Science Research Building – a state-of-the-art, 124,000-square-foot facility designed for interdisciplinary interac-

tion between faculty and students from multiple departments and colleges.

Other major projects that account for these record-breaking totals include:

- biofuels research led by Ray Huhnke at the OSU Biobased Products and Energy Center;
 - an ongoing, \$40 million biodefense contract with the National Institutes for Health where Bill Barrow tests new drugs for disease-causing bacteria;
 - a five-year, \$22 million grant from NASA to manage the INSPIRE program, which develops K-12 students' educational opportunities in the science-related areas; and
 - sensor research involving more than 60 OSU faculty members who develop new technologies that detect everything from radiation and corrosion to explosives and chemical/biological agents.
- OSU also set records for sponsored programs in FY07 and FY06.

Signing the agreement between OSU and Southwest Jiatong University are, front, Yanjun Qiu, SJU; OSU Provost Marlene Strathe and OSU Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Bird; and standing, OSU graduate assistant Vivian Wang, OSU Study Abroad Coordinator Gerry Auel, Spears School Associate Dean of Administration Mark Weiser, OSU Manager of International Students and Scholars Tim Huff and OSU Chinese instructor Penny Sizemore.



Transfer Agreement Signed with China

OSU and one of the most prestigious universities in China have signed an agreement that's expected to lead to new options for students who wish to study in China.

The agreement, signed Nov. 4 by OSU Provost Marlene Strathe and Yanjun Qiu of Southwest Jiaotong University, could result in the development of a program at the William Spears School of Business that would enable Chinese students to transfer to Stillwater and complete a bachelor's degree at OSU. In addition, it could enhance

Chinese language instruction at OSU and offer a student exchange for OSU students to study in China while paying OSU tuition and fees.

Contact between SWJTU and OSU was initiated in March 2007 when Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Bird was invited to visit Sichuan Province to make a presentation on American Student Affairs. She was accompanied by Tim Huff and Vivian Wang. OSU personnel visited a second time in spring 2008.

OSU Selected as Finalist for Best Practices Award

OSU has been selected as one of five finalists for the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers Best Practices Award for its energy conservation program.

"This is an outstanding honor," said David Bosserman, OSU vice president for administration and finance. "To be recognized by SACUBO indicates that our efforts are not going unnoticed nationally. I commend all those working on the energy program, as well as employees and students who are doing their part to reduce OSU energy costs."

OSU's energy effort is being implemented in alliance with Energy Education, a national conservation company that has helped clients save more than \$1.5 billion. The people-oriented initiative requires no capital investment and is not only self-funding from the start, but preserves funds for educational purposes.

Following system-wide implementation, the program is achieving up to 25 percent savings and is on target to reach an expected \$22 million net savings over seven years. OSU is currently outpacing projected net savings by 45 percent, with results from January to September of this year achieving \$2.8 million gross savings.

OSU is a finalist in the "People-Oriented Energy Conservation" category. OSU will showcase its program at the SACUBO annual meeting in April 2009, where the grand winner will be announced.



Four significant construction projects are underway at the OSU Institute of Technology. A new Rural Health Science Center is framed with poured flooring; two new storage buildings, when finished, will house valuable technical equipment for the High Voltage Technologies and Natural Gas Compression Technologies programs; and the first step has been taken to launch the Campus Landscaping project to create an inviting Pedestrian Mall project between the Grady Clack Student Services Center, the Library and the Student Union. Pictured is the architectural rendering of OSUIT's Pedestrian Mall (by architect John Sanford).

OSU-Tulsa Offers Tuition Assistance Program

OSU-Tulsa unveiled a new tuition assistance program on Nov. 20 to help students and their families with tuition expenses during the current economic downturn.

The "OSU-Tulsa Cowboy Commitment" offers a \$650 tuition waiver for the spring semester to eligible students transferring to OSU-Tulsa from any college or university throughout Oklahoma. Based on their grade point average, students can earn the waiver for up to three semesters.

"When visiting with students and their parents, we find they are worrying about the current economic situation and how to pay for college," said OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl. "There's no better investment that you can make in your future than earning a college degree. We understand that times are tough, so OSU-Tulsa wants to help."

To be eligible, incoming transfer students must enroll in a minimum of six credit hours per semester at OSU-Tulsa. Students who transfer with a 3.5 GPA and above will receive a \$650 waiver each semester for three semesters. Students transferring with a GPA between a 3.0 and 3.49 will receive a \$650 waiver per semester for two semesters, and students transferring with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.9 are eligible for one \$650 waiver.

"We believe in our graduates and are committed to both their education and the impact they'll make on our state's economy and workforce. This scholarship program is a smart investment for everyone involved," Trennepohl said.



New faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences at OSU spent Nov. 8 on the road getting to know the state of Oklahoma. One of the sites visited was The 101 Ranch, a national historic landmark near Ponca City. From left are Brad Bays, geography associate professor and tour guide; Angie Kelly, outreach coordinator; new faculty member Lan Zhu, statistics assistant professor; and Walter Shaw, outreach director.



Pistol Pete shows off the new OSU-themed prototype bicycle that Ann Hargis presented to her husband, OSU President Burns Hargis, on his birthday. The Seretean Wellness Center is working to establish a bicycle rental program on campus using the bicycles, according to director Robin Purdie. Also feted was Ann Hargis, whose birthday was that same week. She was presented with a birthday “tiara” and flowers.

EPSCoR Receives New Funding from NSF, OSRHE

The Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) received \$20 million in new funding from the National Science Foundation and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The combined \$4 million in annual support is renewable for five years and enables Oklahoma EPSCoR to support research under its new theme, “Building Oklahoma’s Leadership Role in Cellulosic Bioenergy.”

The funding supports a collaborative project led by Ray Huhnke, director of the Biobased Products and Energy Center at OSU; Lance Lobban, director of the School of Chemical, Biological and Materials Engineering at OU; and Kirankumar Mysore, associate professor at the Samuel Roberts Noble Research Foundation.

Researchers will explore molecular mechanisms and tools for biomass development, the molecular basis and mechanisms underlying efficient microbial conversion of biomass to liquid fuels, and new catalytic/thermochemical conversion processes of cellulosic biomass.

Jim Wicksted is principal investigator and Oklahoma EPSCoR associate director, and co-principal investigator is Frank Waxman, Oklahoma EPSCoR Program state director.

Pickens Gives New Gift to Complete Stadium

T. Boone Pickens, noted oil and gas industry leader and philanthropist, has contributed an additional \$63 million to OSU for the completion of the university’s football stadium and its west end zone.

“With Boone’s support and the continuing involvement of other donors, we are able to continue working toward the

completion of our stadium project,” said Mike Holder, OSU vice president for athletics. “It is our number one priority, and we will finish that before moving onto other athletic initiatives, including an indoor practice facility and other aspects of our athletic village.”

NSF Funds Two Programs at OSU

OSU will receive more than \$3 million in funding from the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009 and the National Defense Appropriations Act, which were signed into law by President Bush in October.

Of the total amount, \$1.2 million will go to the Center for Telecommunications and Network Security and the National Repository of Digital Forensic Intelligence program, and \$2 million is earmarked for the Aging Systems Sustainment and Enabling Technologies program.

The National Repository of Digital Forensic Intelligence program at OSU is a Web-based product developed by a partnership with the Defense Cyber Crime Center, which houses the largest accredited forensic computer lab in the world.

“Every single law enforcement agency

that uses the program will see the OSU logo in the upper right corner of the computer screen,” said Mark Weiser, business administration associate dean and CTNS director. “It raises the awareness of OSU’s prevalence in information assurance and forensics not only in the U.S., but also in other countries where the service is used.”

The \$2 million in national defense funds for the Aging Systems Sustainment and Enabling Technologies program represents the confidence of our congressional delegation that the military will continue to benefit by OSU’s work to link defense needs to companies in Oklahoma, according to Glenn Freedman, vice president of the OSU Center for Innovation and Economic Development.

ProCure Centers/OSU Collaborate to Save Lives

ProCure Treatment Centers, Inc. and OSU are collaborating to help shape the future of cancer treatment.

Funded by ProCure, the initiative will allow OSU students to gain hands-on training at the ProCure Proton Therapy Center in Oklahoma City, now under construction. The technology, now available at only five U.S. centers, will give OSU an opportunity to address the critical nationwide shortage of medical physicists.

ProCure will provide annual OSU scholarships to help develop a fully accredited medical physics program for undergraduates and graduate students, internships at the center in Oklahoma City and use of the center’s equipment for research.

“At OSU, we work hard to challenge our students, provide them with unique programs and arm them with the best tools for success,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “This partnership with ProCure fulfills all three goals. We’re proud of the fact that in the future, lives of cancer patients could possibly be saved by OSU students.”



Preparing to greet guests at the 2008 Vintage O-State Wine Tasting and Scholarship event at OSU-Tulsa are OSU alumni and event organizers, including Claudia Smith, Ben Leslie, Ken Smith and Joel Embry.

Vintage Wine Fundraiser Held at OSU-Tulsa

OSU-Tulsa raised \$40,000 during its eighth annual Vintage O-State Wine Tasting and Scholarship Fundraiser on Nov. 22.

The event was sponsored by the Tulsa County Chapter of the OSU Alumni Association and OSU-Tulsa, with ticket sales and silent auction proceeds to benefit Tulsa-area high school students who plan to attend OSU.

“Over the past 12 years, we have given away over \$160,000 in scholarships to local high school students,” said Wesley Holmes, president of Tulsa’s OSU Alumni Association board of directors.



2008-2009 Seniors of Significance

Alumni Association Names 2009 Seniors of Significance

The 2008-2009 Seniors of Significance, selected by the OSU Alumni Association, were honored on Nov. 20. This award recognizes students who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and service to campus and community and have brought distinction to OSU.

The 2008-2009 Seniors of Significance are:

Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Jimikaye Beck, Broken Arrow; Evan Black, Stillwater; Jolie Britt, Edmond; Mary Bruce, Wichita, Kan.; Whitney Burns, Norman; Megan Byford, Marlow; Sebastian Clements, Sanger, Texas; Chad Cline, Miami; Jered Davidson, Fort Cobb; Kyle Ensley, Valliant; Nathan Fent, Miami; Kristin Gentry, Tulsa; Misty Gillespie, Cushing; Darren Gore, Norman; Helen Hawkins, Enid; Austin Horn, Yukon; Brianna Jett, Laverne; Jillian Jobe, Tulsa; Myriah Johnson, Perry; Brandi Joice, Bixby; Emily Kilian, Medford; Aimee Lee, Pryor; Emilee Lehenbauer, Stillwater; Mary Oliver Marshall, Battiest; Carin MacAllister, Stillwater; Amanda Moore, Ponca City; Audrey Morris, Tulsa; Yolanda Odenyo, Osterbybruk, Sweden; Melissa Oliver, Tulsa; Germaine Paul, Euless, Texas; Tiffani Pruitt, Tuttle; Lindsey Reimer, Medford; Jacqueline Roberts, McCook, Neb.; Evan Schwenk, Stillwater; Andrew Shacklett, Tulsa; Savannah Smith, Talihina; Shannon Sulli-

van, Tulsa; Nathan Thompson, Chandler; Courtney Timmons, Ada; Dayla Turner, Wetumka; Kristin Wallace, Edmond; Meagan Wheeler, Lawton; and Sean Wyatt, Broken Arrow.



A new OSU Institute of Technology honor society, "Cyber Posse," has inducted the best beginning Information Technologies' students, all with 4.0 GPAs, to let the top minds converge on community service, applied research and competitions. The honor society will provide an outlet for IT students to share their education with the community. Members are, front, Taylor Webb, Stillwater; David Crandell, faculty; Tyler Middleton, Okmulgee; middle, Lisa Worthy, Checotah; Lacy Worthy, Checotah; Casey Coufal, Savanna; and back, Jerrell Simmons, Lawton; Matt Hillstrom, Jenks; Karla LaMunyon, Okmulgee; and Derrick Early, Lawton.

OSU-Tulsa Student Shoots Film on Campus

OSU-Tulsa American Studies graduate and writer/producer Joe Myers, along with Trost Moving Pictures, are producing the independent feature film "Find Me" in Tulsa. The cast and crew filmed in various locations at OSU-Tulsa from Nov. 15-18.

The PG-13 film is about college students who uncover the possible location of the kidnapped adult son of a U.S. Senator while geocaching in Tulsa. The students become embroiled in the kidnapping and must save the son to save themselves.

Geocaching is a high-tech scavenger hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers (geocache) and their contents and then share experiences online.

The Human Development and Family Science Club raised funds for the Slum Outreach Ministries Nursery School in Kibera, Kenya, by selling items made by Kenyan women that were donated by Human Environmental Sciences Dean Stephan Wilson and his wife Kathleen. All profits were sent to help the school pay its teachers, buy desks and food, and achieve goals for expansion.

Yolanda Odenyo of Sweden, a member of OSU's women's soccer team, was one of 10 finalists for the 2008 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.

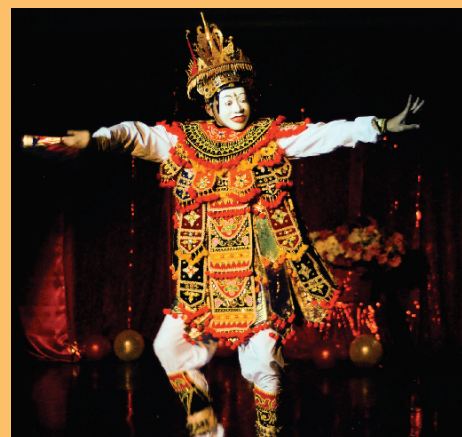
Students in Free Enterprise and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity ended their food drive with the 3rd Annual "Blue Light Stroll Off" in the Student Union Theater.

OSU President Burns Hargis; Udaya DeSilva, animal science; and Linda Dunbar, International Students Office, were honorary inductees into Golden Key international honor society for the top ten percent of juniors, seniors and graduate students. This year, 172 new student members were inducted into the OSU chapter.

Evan Schwenk, Stillwater biochemistry senior, volunteered with Unite for Sight in Bihar, India, last summer, where he worked with a partner eye clinic to provide eye care in communities without previous access. He now is working with Alpha Epsilon Delta to bring a local Unite for Sight chapter to the OSU campus and the Stillwater community.



OSU featured twirler Aly Akers, Enid general business freshman, was named one of the top ten twirlers in the United States at the 2008 National Collegiate Twirling Championships, a competition that was held last summer at Notre Dame University.



Theo Arguna, Indonesian art senior, did a traditional dance during the international student pageant.



The Fourth Annual International Fair, sponsored by the College of Education and the School of International Studies, was held in the Wes Watkins Exhibit Hall. International Student Organization students gave presentations in four booths representing specific countries, teaching fourth grade students about cultural practices through hands-on activities. Education student volunteers were “tour guides.”

OSU’s Horse Judging Team earned the title of 2008 American Quarter Horse Association Senior World Champion at the organization’s world show on Nov. 19 in Oklahoma City. Team members and the team itself won individual and overall awards while competing against 15 other finalist college teams for the top honor. With this win, OSU has taken home five AQHA World Championships since 1986. Students on the team included Sarah Kawcak, Craig, Colo.; Ashley Schunk, Clare, Mich.; Kristi Wright-Burton, Molalla, Ore.; McKenzie Nygren, Johnstown, Colo.; Jennifer MacArthur, Bartlesville; Sharon Thomas, Jay.; Amanda Burrows, Claremore; and Allison Bond, Inola.



OSU student data mining teams placed second and third at M2008, the annual SAS Data Mining Conference. Teams were given a problem to solve and the top three teams won cash prizes for their university. Adviser Goutam Chakraborty, marketing professor, and second place team members Fengchun Tang, Leila Zelnick, Samyog Bhattarai and Amjad Elsamen show the check the university received. Not pictured are team members Xing Wan and Xuequn Wang.

The OSU Chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, inducted 49 new members on Nov. 21.

OSU-Tulsa students collected about 80 coats for Giles’ Coats for Kids during the fourth annual OSU Homecoming Coat Drive at OSU-Tulsa. Students from the OSU-Tulsa MBA Association received a \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart to purchase 63 new coats for the drive.

The Stillwater Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta presented students Jillian Jobe of Tulsa, Stephanie Reel of Oklahoma City, and Kendi Davis of Elk City with \$200 scholarships for 2008 from the chapter. The award is based on scholarship achievement as well as chapter involvement while enrolled at OSU.

OSU-OKC’s Electronics Engineering Technology student club traveled to Dallas over fall break to visit North Texas State University’s electronics facilities in Denton and to tour Texas Instruments and the FAA Center at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.



Architecture majors Michael Doerneman of Norman, Michael Sullivan and Ryan Vincent of Claremore, and Brian Letzig of Pryor constructed four pieces of public art now on display on the president’s lawn. They completed their works for a public art course instructed by Sallie McCorkle, professor and head of the art department.

The National FFA Organization named OSU agribusiness senior Travis Schnaithman of Garber the 2008 American Star Farmer during a ceremony at the national convention in Indianapolis. After graduation, he plans to return to the farm as a full-time production agriculturist.

The four North-Central Oklahoma chapters of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. fraternity held their annual Founders’ Day Celebration at OSU. OSU Omicron Lambda chapter members receiving honors included Tiffany Nixon, Outstanding Citizen of the Year; Brittany Epps, Outstanding Community Service; Quinton Moore, Outstanding Scholar; Russell Okung, Outstanding Athlete of the Year; and Darryl Hillard, Omega Man of the Year.



Art Visconti, OSUIT engineering technologies faculty member, and Amanda Crosswell, International Systems and Automation student club president, show some of the coats collected to be donated to area children in the Okmulgee schools and area day care facilities.

Biosystems and ag engineering students J.D. McElhane of Ponca City and Karl Garbrecht of Yukon became the first undergraduate winners at the annual Oklahoma Water Research Symposium Poster Contest held in Midwest City. McElhane won first place and \$500 for his poster “Nitrogen Removal via Phytoremediation.” Garbrecht tied for second place and won \$300 for his poster “Pathogen Transport through Soils.” This was the fourth annual contest pitting OSU and OU students and the first to be won by undergraduates. The awards are offered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute at OSU.

Architecture students Alex Smith of Bedford, Texas, and Lauren Cadieux of Oklahoma City received \$1,000 2008 American Institute of Architects Oklahoma Student Scholarships. AIA Oklahoma is the professional organization for over 500 licensed architects in Oklahoma.

Tulsa junior Cory Steward helped organize a canned food drive to benefit the Stillwater Salvation Army food pantry. Helping him sort food were fellow members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. According to the OSU Service-Learning Volunteer Center, more than 8,500 students volunteered more than 60,000 hours last year.

Approximately 800 students donated their time and efforts for “Into the Streets,” the annual student volunteer weekend, held Nov. 8 in Stillwater.

Kelly Nash, Oklahoma City animal science and Spanish junior, received a \$15,000 Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship from Rotary Club 29 in Oklahoma City. She will study for six months in Argentina, and will work on her Spanish language skills. The scholarship requires students to do volunteer work and she will devote time to literacy programs or voter initiatives.



The OSUIT Women's Team again won the Tug-of-War contest with the men from the HEVi Division at the Second Annual Employee Picnic on Oct. 24. The theme was "OSUIT's Got Talent," and employees took the challenge, competing for prizes with song and dance routines. The "Liberal Artists Band" took first place in talent; Magen Davis won the bubble gum blowing contest; DeLois Middleton won the hula hoop contest; and Mitch Davis won the fishing contest. The picnic and talent show was planned by OSUIT's Faculty Staff Council, and Kevin Stretch was emcee.

At the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America's Upper Case Awards, the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences received an honorable mention award for its annual magazine, **Vet Cetera**.

Haobo Jiang, entomology and plant pathology associate professor, received the 2008 James A. Whatley Award for Meritorious Research in Agricultural Sciences.

OSU Head Football Coach **Mike Gundy** hosted his live call-in show on Nov. 11 from the Kerr-Drummond Mezzanine, the first time that the show has been hosted in the residence halls.

More than 300 Latinas from Tulsa-area high schools learned about college preparation and personal development during a youth leadership conference at OSU-Tulsa on Nov. 7. The conference, titled "**Nuestro Futuro, Nuestra Decision – Our Future, Our Decision**," was sponsored by the Tulsa Latina Business Women's Alliance. The goal of the conference was to offer Latina high school students the guidance, information and tools necessary to pursue their academic and career goals.

More than 200 high school students from throughout Oklahoma recently competed in an annual high school math contest sponsored by the **OSU Department of Mathemtaics**. OSU awarded scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1,500 to the top scoring seniors if they enroll at OSU.

Barbara Stoecker, OSU Regents Professor in nutritional sciences, received the Eminent Faculty Award that recognizes the highest level of scholarly achievement during the University Convocation.



Diane Montgomery has received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award from OSU-Tulsa President **Gary Trennepohl**. Montgomery has taught College of Education courses for 20 years at OSU-Tulsa and coordinates the master's degree program in educational psychology and gifted education. She also served as the principal investigator for "Project CRE-ATES," an arts integration research project conducted in north Tulsa schools that brought \$1.25 million in research funding to OSU-Tulsa in five years, including the financial and academic support of 12 graduate students. This annual award for outstanding contributions in service to students, classroom performance and service to the campus community, is the highest honor awarded to faculty at OSU-Tulsa. Recipients receive \$1,500, which is provided by private funds.



Receiving University Service Awards for Outstanding Service to OSU during the 2008 University Convocation were **Maria Malave**, Student Union custodian; **Steve Whitworth**, associate controller and director of accounting; and **Patrick Dorr**, Haskell Cudd Professor of Accounting.

The annual **OSU-OKC Poinsettia Sale** began Dec. 3 and continues through Dec. 20. Proceeds benefit OSU-OKC horticulture students and programs.

Lara Maxwell and **Satya Achanta**, physiological sciences, and **Jerry Ritchey**, pathobiology, along with Washington State University oncologist **Jeff Bryan**, were awarded a competitive grant from Morris Animal Foundation. The two-year study will examine how the consideration of body size and geriatric status can be used to improve the outcome of dogs treated with vinca alkaloids, chemotherapy agents used in dogs with common cancers such as mast cell tumors.

Eight OSU Student Union Meeting and Catering Services employees took part in an eight-week departmental fitness challenge and lost a total of 55 pounds, 26.5 inches and 16.6 percent body fat. The overall winner was **Kalip Frazier II**.

Clarence Watson, associate director of the statewide Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station system, has assumed the duties of chair for the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors. The organization represents the agricultural experiment stations in the 13 southeastern states plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



Staff Advisory Council presented its 2008 Distinguished Service Awards to **Roy Ball**, manager, animal science; **Margaret Struble**, administrative assistant, horticulture and landscape architecture; **Helen Daggs**, senior unit assistant, electrical and computer engineering; **Patricia Mann**, senior administrative support assistant, arts and sciences outreach; **Sheryl Johnson**, administrative support specialist II, Student Union building operations; **Dean Wallace**, leasing representative, transportation services; and **Jerry Ball** and **Jack Patton**, bus drivers, parking and transit services.

The **2008 OSU Energy Conference**, sponsored by the Spears School and the Center for Executive and Professional Development, featured OSU President **Burns Hargis** and **T. Boone Pickens**. It attracted more than 465 people, including many key CEO's of energy companies.



Sandy Cooper, J.D., OSU-CHS human resources director, was admitted to the Oklahoma bar Sept. 15.

Mike Schnelle, Extension floriculture specialist, received the 2008 Outstanding Nurseryman of the Year Award from the Oklahoma Nursery and Landscape Association.

Gov. Brad Henry toured the OSU University Multispectral Center in Ponca City after a presentation on the center's global importance for research on various high-tech projects and sensor systems.

Veterinary pathobiology professor **Bill Barrow** and his team had two abstracts accepted for the "Infectious Diseases: an agenda for the 21st Century" meeting held Nov. 11-13 at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, France.

OSU-OKC hosted its annual **High School/Career Tech Counselor Appreciation Luncheon** on Nov. 5, with approximately 85 attendees. The event featured presentations from lead recruitment specialist **Kim Chapman**, as well as representatives from each OSU-OKC academic divisions.

Jeff Hattey, environmental sciences program director, received a 2009 U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Agriculture Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award, one of six regional teaching awards presented by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. He received a \$2,000 stipend and a handmade plaque.



The **OSU-OKC Farmers' Market Holiday Celebration** is set for Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will include the 100 percent Oklahoma Grown and Oklahoma made Farmers' Market, music, free horse-drawn carriage rides and a free "Conversations with Will Rogers" reenactment by national Chautauqua performer Doug Watson. The market is open year-round.

OSU Institute of Technology instructor **Kelly Kerr** was a recent winner of the National Press Photographers Association contest for his imaginative photos of area rock bands, which he took while at his former job with the Tulsa World.

OSU-Tulsa hosted its eighth annual Benefactors' Dinner Oct. 30 to honor donors who contribute private funds for scholarship funding and the students who receive the scholarships. Donors' gifts resulted in \$116,500 in scholarships being awarded to 157 students this year, a 34 percent funding increase compared to last year.



Redwood and Pollak

Fall 2008 marked the 20th year for OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's stress management program for new students. More than 90 percent of first-year medical students attend the peer-led program coordinated by **Susan Redwood** and **Michael Pollak**. Second-year student volunteers are trained as small-group leaders for the program, which lasts for seven weeks.

The Oklahoma City Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America elected **Derinda Lowe**, APR, as its president for 2009. Lowe is coordinator of public relations, marketing and alumni affairs for the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

OSU collected 1,340 pounds of food for the Harvest II food drive for Stillwater and surrounding communities. The traveling trophy for collecting the most food went to **Technology Software Services**.

The American Society of Agronomy has honored OSU's **No-Till Team of scientists and educators** with its certificate of excellence for its educational how-to publication, "No-Till Cropping Systems in Oklahoma." The award recognizes the way in which OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is assisting state producers in taking advantage of the benefits of no-till systems. The 80-page publication converts hard science to reader-friendly terminology and uses visuals to help producers adopt no-till cropping systems for wheat, soybeans, cotton, sorghum and corn.

Sandra Hale, past chair of OSU-Center for Health Sciences Staff Advisory Council's college and community relations committee, shows some of many items donated by employees for men and women in military service abroad. Packages were sent to service people connected to OSU-CHS employee families through Tulsa-area Blue Star Mothers.



The **OSU-OKC Margaret Brock Lectureship** presented "Ethics Made Real: Dramatic Portrayals of Ethical Dilemmas" on Nov. 7. Approximately 150 nurses, health care professionals and metro nursing students participated in this high-impact continuing education opportunity.

OSU-OKC Halloween Blast food drive raised more than 2,300 pounds of canned goods, 25 percent more than last year. It offered a safe, indoor alternative for community children and their parents. Attendees were encouraged to donate a can of food and proceeds were given to the Oklahoma City Food Bank.

The SCAVMA live and silent auctions held during the Cowboy Roundup 60th Anniversary celebration raised approximately \$8,200 to benefit the veterinary student annual scholarship fund. **Dean Michael Lorenz**, left, assisted volunteer auctioneer Pecos McNeil.



Dessert items sold during the silent auction brought in an additional \$660.

Gary Yen, electrical and computer engineering professor, has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

A three-year, \$542,958 Pre-Doctoral Training in Primary Care grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration will aid the **OSU Center for Rural Health** efforts to increase the number of physicians choosing to practice in rural Oklahoma.



Fishing Lure Funds New Scholarship

The legend of Pistol Pete is extensive: cowboy, gunslinger, scout, author, Deputy U.S. Marshal, OSU mascot, and now a fishing lure.

Bill Fisher, research ecologist with the Oklahoma cooperative fish and wildlife research unit and OSU adjunct professor, came up with the idea for a Fisheries Scholarship in the Natural Resource Ecology Management Department, and selling fishing lures with a fishing Pistol Pete logo seemed like a great idea. The 4-inch long lures can be used for more than just fishing.

"It would be a great Christmas gift, and you could hang it on your tree," Fisher said. "You could actually fish with it."

Five hundred lures were made and for each \$25 donation to the scholarship endowment, the donor will receive a lure. Once the endowment reaches \$12,500 at the OSU Foundation, a \$500 per year scholarship will be available to a graduate fisheries student. Another \$500 endowed scholarship will be available when an additional \$12,500 is raised in the interest yielding account and will be for an undergraduate.

To support the scholarship by donating \$25 for a "Fishing with Pete" lure, contact Kerry Dallen at (405) 744-9429 or E-mail at kerry.dallen@okstate.edu.



The CVHS hosted Travis Brorsen and his dog Presley, who recently won the title of the "Greatest American Dog" on the reality TV show. First stop on their tour of the Teaching Hospital was cardiology, where Nicole Ponzio, DVM, DACVIM, explained about the cardiology services available at OSU.

2009 Miss OSU



Betty Thompson

of Chandler

Human Development and Family Science Sophomore

Novartis Animal Health To Partner with OSU

The OSU Foundation has received \$225,000 from Novartis Animal Health, and OSU will become the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology's first industry partner.

This partnership will help NCVP's mission to further advances in controlling parasitic diseases of animals through integrated programs of applied graduate and residency training, targeted research initiatives, and a diagnostic and consulting service that serves the veterinary profession worldwide.

OSU's NCVP will be a national resource for diagnostic testing and will help fill a great need for clinically oriented veterinary parasitologists who can meet current and future demands of the industry.

As a founding partner, Novartis will offer the program financial support, help guide and develop the NCVP as a member of its advisory board, and interact with graduate students and residents in training.

The Switzerland-based Novartis researches, develops and commercializes leading animal treatments that meet the needs of pet owners, farmers and veterinarians. The global company operates in more than 40 countries and employs about 2,700 people worldwide. Through donations and grants, the company has given more than \$500,000 to OSU.

Novartis' \$225,000 commitment will help make the center operational by providing support for laboratory renovations and related start-up costs. Renovations for the center are scheduled to begin in 2009, with graduate studies starting in 2010.

Alumni Association To Induct Three in 2009

The OSU Alumni Association will formally induct three outstanding alumni into the 2009 OSU Hall of Fame on Feb. 27.

New inductees will be Steven Jorns of Fort Worth, Robert (Bob) Kurland of Bartlesville, and Roger Panciera of Stillwater.

Jorns received his B.S. degree in hotel and restaurant administration in 1971 and has worked in the hotel and resort industry with Interstate Hotels and Resorts in numerous capacities, including CEO and investment fund director. He has served on the OSU Foundation Board of Governors and as a Homecoming judge.

Kurland received his B.A. degree in philosophy from OAMC in 1946, and was a leader on the basketball court and in the classroom. He spent the majority of his career with Phillips Petroleum Company. He has served on the OSU Foundation Board of Governors, the OSU Centennial Advisory Commission and is a life member of the OSU Alumni Association.

Panciera received his doctorate of veterinary medicine from OSU in 1953. After completing his Ph. D. in pathology at Cornell University in 1960, he joined the faculty in the school of veterinary medicine at OSU, where he remained until retiring. He is widely acclaimed as one of the giants in veterinary pathology worldwide.

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