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A report to the OSU/A&M Regents from the Office of the OSU System CEO and President.

December 7, 2007



Message from Marlene Strathe

I want to congratulate the Oklahoma State University/A&M Board of Regents on completing the search for a new OSU president with the selection of OSU graduate and well-known civic and business leader Burns Hargis.

OSU is poised for historic growth and success and I look forward to working with President Hargis on initiatives to boost OSU, particularly as it relates to advancing academic programs and opportunities for our students.

Fall commencement is scheduled for Dec. 15 in Gallagher-Iba Arena and we are pleased that U.S. Congresswoman Mary Fallin will be the speaker as the OSU community honors and celebrates the accomplishments of some 1,500 graduates.

OSU celebrated a wonderful day in Tulsa Nov. 29 when a host of dignitaries gathered for the opening of the OSU-Tulsa Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center, a \$43 million facility that is expected to boost Tulsa's economy by creating jobs and attracting industries. The teaching and research facility is a major addition to the OSU-Tulsa campus and was made possible thanks to Tulsa County's Vision 2025 initiative, the State's 2005 higher education bond issue and Walter and Peggy Helmerich.

On our Stillwater campus, I was privileged this fall to attend seven celebrations of construction or renovation of academic and infrastructure buildings. We have watched the transformation of our athletic facilities at OSU and now we are witnessing the exciting transformation of our academic facilities. I could not be more proud of the many faculty and staff who have invested time and energy in the planning for these buildings and I look forward to the celebrations when we 'open the doors' to the next generation campus of Oklahoma State University.

As we prepare to end the fall semester and celebrate the holiday season, I sincerely hope each of us will reflect back on all of the successes of OSU this past year: the incredible achievements of our faculty, staff, and students; the stellar continued support of our alumni, family and friends; and our continued commitment to making OSU the institution of excellence and choice for Oklahoma.

Land-grant universities were created as the 'people's universities' – to give access and opportunities to those who previously could not access higher education. I am very proud that Oklahoma State University has honored that mission and will continue to strive to fulfill it as we move forward. Thank you to all who have embraced and supported this important work.



The Non-Traditional Student Organization hung more than 480 Angels on its annual Angel Tree project in the Student Union Atrium on Nov. 13. The project gives OSU faculty, staff and students a chance to supply needy youngsters with gifts for Christmas.



OSU-Tulsa's Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center

OSU-Tulsa Helmerich ATRC Dedicated

OSU officials and community leaders gathered Nov. 29 to dedicate OSU-Tulsa's Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center, a \$43 million research facility that is expected to boost Tulsa's economy by creating jobs and attracting industries to the area.

OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl, Rep. John Sullivan and Tulsa County Commissioner Randi Miller joined other area legislators and dignitaries in the atrium of the Helmerich ATRC for the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Helmerich ATRC was made possible through Tulsa County's Vision 2025 initiative, the State's 2005 higher education bond issue and Walter and Peggy Helmerich of Tulsa.

Susan Neal, director of community development and education for the city of Tulsa, declared it "OSU-Tulsa Day" on behalf of Mayor Kathy Taylor.

The 123,000-square-foot research center includes specialized laboratories, clean rooms, an imaging suite, advanced information technology equipment, faculty offices and two high-tech seminar rooms.

Research in the Helmerich ATRC will focus on advanced materials, bio-based technologies, energy technologies and information and control technologies.

Trennepohl said the center will stimulate economic development for Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma, resulting in collaborations with area businesses and the creation of new jobs.

Poinsettias!

Thousands of poinsettias have been raised at the OSU-OKC Horticulture Greenhouse and will be for sale through Dec. 14. Proceeds from the sale benefit horticulture students and programs.



Architecture Building Renovation Begins

Three 16-foot banners were dropped from the front of the Architecture Building on Oct. 30 to signify the official start of the renovation and expansion of the building, now called the Donald W. Reynolds School of Architecture Building.

The majority of the \$16 million project is funded through a \$14.8 million gift from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

The project will build two wings on the existing building, dedicated in 1920 as the new Armory-Gymnasium, creating a total of more than 70,000 square feet for classrooms, studios, faculty office space and the Cunningham Architecture Library, in addition to a gallery that will open up to a partially enclosed courtyard, according to Randy Seitsinger, architecture professor and head.

The project is expected to be completed by summer 2009.



The Donald W. Reynolds School of Architecture Building renovation and expansion has officially begun.

Veterinary Surgeons Deliver Zoo Cubs

OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences veterinarians recently assisted on two occasions with the birth of African lion cubs at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

On Nov. 4, small animal surgeons Jude Bordelon, Kristy Broaddus and Brent Newcomb were summoned by zoo officials to help Tia, a first-time mother lion, deliver her cubs. Tia was

anesthetized, on the table and ready for them, Broaddus said. "All we had to do was drape in and perform the surgery, which is very similar to a dog or cat C-section."

As soon as Bordelon and Broaddus delivered the cubs, they handed them off to a team of zoo animal caretakers, veterinary staff and curators.

"They would dry the cubs, suction their airways and make sure they were breathing," Broaddus said. "They also wanted to keep them warm much the same as you would any newborn." Two of the four cubs survived.

On Nov. 6, Bordelon, Newcomb and Zach Ricker returned to the zoo to perform a C-section on Bridget, also a first-time mom, as she gave birth to three cubs, two of which survived.

All cubs were able to eat the same nights they were born and are being bottle-fed and hand-raised since they were not born naturally and risk being rejected by their mothers.





Dignitaries donned white veterinary coats and poured various liquids into a large beaker to create an “OSU orange” solution in the OADDL groundbreaking ceremony.

OADDL Holds Non-Traditional Groundbreaking

Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Terry Peach was among the dignitaries taking part in a non-traditional groundbreaking ceremony Nov. 1 to mark the start of a \$12.5 million OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory expansion project.

Instead of traditional hard hats and shovels, special guests donned white veterinary coats and participated in a beaker pour to signify the importance of molecular diagnostics as well as state-of-the-art

equipment and facilities to the success of the OADDL.

The \$12.5 million project, funded by the Oklahoma Legislature, will include a new alkaline tissue digester and BL 3 laboratory space to handle serious infectious agents if the situation warrants.

The expanded facility will make it possible for the OADDL to remain a member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network system, which allows it to handle certain laboratory tests for Oklahomans that would otherwise be sent out of state.



Grady W. Clack Student Success Center

OSU-Okmulgee Dedicates Clack Center

The recently renovated OSU-Okmulgee Grady W. Clack Student Success Center, named after a long-time university educator, was officially dedicated on Nov 29.

The center brings all student service operations under one roof, empowering staff to maintain their focus on assisting each visitor efficiently and completely. The departments housed in the center include admissions and records, student financial services, accounting services, business affairs, counseling and access services, enrollment management, human resources, prospective student services and the registrar’s office.

For 30 years, Grady served OSU-Okmulgee in several capacities, including veterans’ coordinator, professor of mathematics, coach and registrar.

According to Bob Seebeck, director of OSU-Okmulgee’s Physical Plant, the

Clack Center adds approximately 4,700 square feet of floor space to the Administration Building.



OSU is using Energy Education, Inc, (EEI) to implement a sweeping multi-year conservation education program aimed at putting into place practices and programs to promote responsible energy management by everyone on our campuses.



Unfurling the banner at Murray Hall are Regents Professor and Dean Peter Sherwood, Regent Lou Watkins, Interim President and System CEO Marlene Strathe, Rep. Lee Denney and Associate Dean Tom Wikle. Murray will become the new home for some A&S departments.

Murray Hall to House A&S Departments

A 64-square-foot banner unveiled inside Murray Hall on Nov. 14 commemorated the start of renovations to the former OSU residence hall. The \$23.8 million project will convert the building into the home for six departments within the OSU College of Arts and Sciences.

The Oklahoma Higher Education Capital Bond Program is funding \$8.8 million of the project, which will create a new home for the departments of geography, history, philosophy and religious studies, political science, sociology and communication science disorders. The Psychology Department is already housed in North Murray.

The four-story building is being gutted so new mechanical and electrical systems can be redesigned and installed. In addition to classrooms, computer laboratories and interactive/lounge space will be a 146-seat lecture hall. It is expected to be completed in spring 2009.

OSU High in Rankings

OSU recently was ranked 76th amongst U.S. universities and 100th out of 4,000 universities throughout the world, according to the “Webometrics Ranking of World Universities.”

These rankings are an initiative of the Cybermetrics Lab, a research group belonging to the Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas. It is the largest public research body in Spain and is among the first basic research organizations in Europe.

For the full list of the top 100 North American universities, see http://www.webometrics.info/top100_continent.asp?cont=usa_canada.

BOB Brings Potential Students to Campus

OSU Big Orange Buses recently stopped in nine Oklahoma communities to offer free rides so potential OSU students could explore college options, according to Albert Colom, vice president of enrollment management.

“We had 135 students from throughout the Tulsa area and 160 students board buses in three different locations in the Oklahoma City area,” said Karen Lucas, director of undergraduate admissions.

Students toured campus and residential facilities, and met with representatives from Campus Life, Financial Aid, Residential Life, the Multicultural Student Center and with student clubs and organizations.



Danielle Kelton, vet med '07 and intern in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery in Veterinary Clinical Sciences, won best submission for her case article “Bone marrow necrosis and myelophthisis: Manifestations of T-cell lymphoma in a horse,” in *The Vet Gazette*, official journal of the Student AVMA.

For the third consecutive year, an OSU journalism student took first place in the college essay contest at the annual First Amendment Congress in Oklahoma City.

Lindsey Rogers, Edmond broadcast journalism senior, received \$300 for her essay on the First Amendment.

Brad Smith, Bethany OSU-OKC student in irrigation design, won an all expense paid trip to the 28th Annual International Irrigation Show in San Diego this month with his essay on his interest in the irrigation industry and conservation, sponsored by the Irrigation Association Education Foundation.



Genesee Photo Systems

Forty-one OSU students were recently honored as Seniors of Significance by the OSU Alumni Association.

OSU Names Seniors of Significance

OSU's Alumni Association has named this year's Seniors of Significance, an award that recognizes students who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and service to campus and community and have brought distinction to OSU. Next spring, honorees will be able to interview for selection as one of OSU's Outstanding Seniors.

Seniors honored include Bailey Austin, Tulsa; Heather Beem, Stillwater; Matthew Beier, Stillwater; Matt Carter, Norman; Tyler Castonguay, Omega; Andrea Curry, Sterling; Whitney Danker, Wellston; Alicia Davis, Bixby; Matt Dvorak, Perry; Margaret Edwards, Texarkana, Ark.; Edward El Rassi, Stillwater; Nicholas Eschner, McHenry, Ill.; Phillip

Friesen, Enid; Randis Gallaway, Marlow; Chris Gray, Duncan; Niccole Grimaldi, Auburn Hills, Mich.; Ebonie Hill, Lawton; Amber Houser, South Coffeyville; Christy Hunter, Tulsa; Jerri Imgarten, Red Rock; Travis Jett, Laverne; Brittany Jones, Custer City; Jonathon Knopfel, Covington; Lindsey Kuzma, Lodi, Wis.; Aleisha McCabe, Pauls Valley; Megan McGuire, Ardmore; Eunice Menja, Stillwater; Christy Milliken, Edmond; Kenner Misner, Sapulpa; William O'Connor, Tulsa; Stacy Patton, Faxon; Jessica Reid, Edmond; Sara-Jane Smallwood, Clayton; Ashley Spess, Cleveland; Patrick Stein, Cherokee; Matthew Stiner, Broken Arrow, from OSU-Tulsa; Tony Subketkaew, Perry; Aspen Wilds, El Reno; Kelsey Williams, Stillwater; Aaron Wilson, Stillwater; and Jillianne Zweiacker, Pawnee.

Class of 1942/ Willham Library Scholarships for outstanding library student employees went to **Jacy D. Gelsinger**, Owasso physiology senior; **Tessa Brawley**, Stillwater English junior; **Trisha Posey**, Azle, Texas, journalism and broadcasting junior; and **Lynsey Hepner**, Altus nutritional sciences senior. Each recipient received a \$1 an hour pay raise. Brawley and Gelsinger also were named to the Friends of the OSU Library Board for 2008.

Helping keep area children healthy, the **OSU-CHS mobile telemedicine clinic** provided free immunizations for school-age children at “The Mayor's First Day of School Festival” in Tulsa. The festival was sponsored by the Tulsa Mayor's Office and Tulsa Parks.

The **Nutritional Sciences Club** sponsored a Thanksgiving food drive this year to help families in need.

Jason Cash, Enid music education sophomore and trombonist, was one of three student musicians selected to perform at the Hays Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition Concert on Nov. 11 at Fort Hays State University.

Two OSU students have been awarded Bronze Stars. **Cpl. Kristopher McVay** and **1st Lt. Morgan Ashworth**, Army Reservists with the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion in Tulsa, have been in Iraq since November 2006, and are set to return stateside this fall.

OSU's **cross country team** finished third at the NCAA National Championships, matching their third-place finish in 1995 for the best finish in school history since OSU won the 1954 NCAA crown.

OSU-Tulsa senior and Marine Corp veteran **Matt Stiner**, who served in Iraq, was one of three U.S. students featured on National Public Radio's “On Point.”

Livestock Team Wins American Royal

The OSU Livestock Judging Team recently won the 2007 American Royal contest in Kansas City, Mo. The team's score of 4,782 was 21 points ahead of second place Texas A&M and set a new record for the all-time high team score at the contest.

OSU team members are Shawna Allen, Newcastle; Wes Curry, Madison, Kan.; Amy Dalmont, McAlester; Megan Gooch,

Hugoton, Kan.; Nicole Jaques, Hinton.; Joe Massey, Butler, Mo.; Justin Moritz, Piper City, Ill.; Dodge Nichols, Maud; John Pfeiffer, Mulhall; Sarah Sanders, Redding, Mich.; Amber Skinner, Velma; Danielle Stout, Olpe, Kan.; and Greg Williams, Kansas, Okla.

OSU posted the high team score in beef cattle and had four team members place in the Top Ten individuals overall.



Seated in front are Okmulgee students Jared Kaley, Fort Worth; Harry Hunter, Wetumka; Hunter Murphy, Rifle, Colo.; Alex Davis, Rifle, Colo.; Levi Barnes, Grove; and Shaun Martino, Weatherford, who received toolboxes.

Toolboxes Presented to OSU-Okmulgee Students

A consortium of energy companies donated six top-quality toolboxes valued at \$5,000 each to students they sponsor in OSU-Okmulgee's Natural Gas Compression program. The cases and tools will be used in class and also when they graduate.

The six students are the first class sponsored by PACE, a group of Natural Gas Compression companies from as far away as Canada and Colorado, in addition to Oklahoma and Texas. They include EnCana Oil & Gas, Enginuity, Valerus, Exterran, Toromont Energy Services and MIRATECH Corporation.

OSU had a conference-leading 13 players named to the 2007 Academic All-Big 12 Conference **soccer team**, a school record. The Cowgirls also led the Big 12 in academic all-conference selections last season with 11 players earning first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors, and two players making second team.

Cortney Timmons, Student Government Association recycling committee chair, was named Oklahoma's Collegiate Recycler of the Year for initiating OSU's football game day recycling program, "Real Cowboys Recycle." Timmons, Ada biosystems and agricultural engineering junior, was among those honored at the seventh annual America Recycles Day banquet in Tulsa.

OSU-Okmulgee **nursing students** will be delivering several community education projects within the next few weeks, with four groups of students presenting topics that are considered important to the health and welfare of a community.



Graduate Students in Human Environmental Sciences sponsored a Mitten Tree to help children served by Stillwater Domestic Violence. Shown with the tree are hotel and restaurant administration Ph.D. students Helen Young Park and Pimpong Tavitiyaman.

Graduate Students Honored with Two NAGPS Awards

The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, headquartered in Washington, D.C., recently awarded two of its six annual awards to OSU.

Chris Wright, Tulsa international studies major and president of the OSU Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, received the President's Choice Award for Outstanding Leadership. He has been invited to serve on the national level as the newly elected 2008 Legislative Concerns Committee Chair.

OSU's association was honored for its demonstrated advocacy and support for graduate student rights, peer networking and academic community connections.

OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine first-year students elected **Trey Thomason**, Hinton, as class president; **Krystal Vonfeldt**, Tishomingo, as vice president; **Hollie Black**, Bethany, as secretary; and **Chelsea Edwards**, Norman, as treasurer.

Cole Ives, Buffalo athletic training senior, won \$25,000 on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," which aired on Nov. 29. He was flown to New York City for a whirlwind tour of the Big Apple and the taping of the show, and said he'll use his winnings to help pay off his student loans.

Leisure studies majors **Tyler Tapps**, Tulsa Ph.D. student; **Megan Harrison**, Oklahoma City senior; **Carrie Boggess**, Arlington, Texas, senior; and **Josh Pryor**, Stillwater senior, were the only students awarded scholarships at the Oklahoma Recreation and Parks Society annual conference in Tulsa.

OSU-OKC Student Support Services/Trio students **Angela Perry** and **Deonna King** won Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs leadership scholarships. Because of their student involvement, they were invited to attend the SWASAP Leadership Conference in Dallas and encouraged to submit resumes, letters of recommendation and 500-word essays on the topic "Leadership through Service." They also received cash awards of \$225.

Chris Fryer, **Andrea Curry**, **Lindsey Cheek** and **Jeff Jaronek**, a four-member student team from agricultural economics, won first place in the Student Marketing Team competition at the recent Food Distribution Research Society's annual meeting in New Orleans, triumphing over 16 other teams from the U.S. and Canada.

The **Physical Education Club** hosted 2007-08 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Stephanie Canada on Nov. 29.

Damron Receives Teaching Award

Steve Damron, animal science professor, is a 2007 recipient of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Sciences Excellence in College and University Teaching Award.

The award celebrates the critical role educators perform in shaping the agriculture industry, especially in regards to training future leaders who will eventually be charged with providing sustainable natural resources, a safe and abundant food supply, viable communities and other services.

His book, "Introduction to Animal Science: Global, Biological, Social and Industry Perspectives," is one of the most widely used animal science texts in the world.



Steve Damron



Jim Lish, left, and Rob Domenech, Raptorview Research Institute executive director, use a hood to calm a wild eagle.

Lish Works in Montana With Golden Eagles

Jim Lish, physiological sciences assistant professor, spent four days at the Raptorview Research Institute in Lincoln, Mont., where he collaborated on research projects involving wild Golden Eagles.

He is comparing wing loading, which is the ratio between weight and wing surface area, between ages and sexes in Golden Eagles. He was able to help capture three migrant Golden Eagles.

Raptorview is studying lead levels in Golden Eagles, tracking migrants with satellite telemetry, using stable hydrogen isotopes to identify natal areas, and taking a whole suite of morphometric information in an attempt to develop a method to sex Golden Eagles in the field.



Rise School of Stillwater Open House special guests included Sen. Mike Morgan, Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, Mary and Mya Gonzales and Rep. Lee Denney. The women of Gamma Phi Beta also presented a check for \$8,000 to the school.

Pat Dorr, Haskell Cudd Professor of Accounting, received the "2007 Journal of Information Systems Best Reviewer Award."

Funded by an extra \$821,000 appropriation from the Oklahoma Legislature, OSU's Oklahoma Fire Service Training has started a new outreach initiative to provide no-cost training to first responders at locations throughout the state. Working with career tech centers and local fire departments, OFST laid the groundwork early this year for the new outreach initiative by choosing several locations that will include structural live-burn training, including Choctaw, Lawton, Enid, Poteau, Woodward, Tahlequah, Broken Bow, Antlers, Afton, Edmond and Stillwater. Classes will be held evenings and weekends, and participants who work full-time will have the opportunity to receive nationally recognized training without leaving their communities.



Margaret White, management associate professor, was named OSU-Tulsa's 2007 Outstanding Faculty and received a check for \$1,500 at OSU-Tulsa's annual Family Fund Thanksgiving Dinner from President Gary Trennepohl. White immediately donated her entire award to the OSU-Tulsa Family Fund Scholarship fund for OSU-Tulsa faculty and staff.

Byoungho Jin, design, housing and merchandising associate professor, was named the 2007 International Textile and Apparel Association's Prentice Hall Lecturer.

OSU-OKC Distinguished Staff Awards for 2007-08 were presented to Chris Gulley, information technology assistant director, and Edwina Swinney, business technologies secretary.

Debra L. Nelson, management associate professor, was invited to serve as a guest editor for a special issue of *Consulting Psychology Journal* that will be focused on leadership.

Jonathan Edelson, professor of entomology and plant pathology and assistant director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station system, has been named a Fellow of the National Food Systems Leadership Institute.

OSU-Tulsa has been recognized by the American Heart Association for promoting health and wellness on campus, and is the only university in the state named a "Start! Fit-Friendly Company."

The OSU College of Arts and Sciences is now an affiliate of the prestigious Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies. It is the only university in Oklahoma to be a member and is one of 46 international members in the Newberry Consortium. The Newberry Library collection contains 1.5 million books, five million manuscript pages and 300,000 historic maps. Membership allows OSU access to manuscripts that aren't always easily available.

The Tulsa County Chapter of the OSU Alumni Association held "A Toast to Orange," its seventh annual Vintage O-State Wine Tasting and Scholarship Fund-raiser, on Nov. 17 in OSU-Tulsa's Main Hall Commons. Proceeds from ticket sales and a silent auction will benefit Tulsa-area high school students who plan to attend OSU.

The OSU International Education and Outreach office recently awarded Andrew Urich the 2007 University Faculty Outreach Excellence Award. The Spears School of Business also awarded Urich the Richard W. Poole Faculty Outreach Excellence Award earlier in the year.

Robin Allison, clinical pathology assistant professor, was appointed to a one-year term on the American College of Veterinary Pathologists Board Examination Committee. This committee is responsible for preparing and administering the qualifying examination for diplomate status in the ACVP.



Stephan Wilson, College of Human Environmental Sciences dean, was honored by the National Council on Family Relations at its national conference in November with the Jan Troost Award for lifetime contributions to cross-cultural and cross-national family studies. Congratulating him is Tricia Dyk, conference program chair.

The **Environmental Science Graduate Program** recently celebrated 30 years as the oldest and largest interdisciplinary program at OSU and one of the oldest in the nation. It was begun in response to the environmental movement, federal environmental regulation, graduate students interested in an environmental degree, and environmental research centers established at OSU between 1965 and 1967.



The "Halligan Hall of Scholars," dedicated Nov. 2 in the OSU Student Union, officially designated the area to recognize the 21 major national and international awards won by students during the decade of Jim and Ann Halligan's service to OSU. A plaque describing the hall and high points of the Halligan era at OSU was unveiled and placed at the hall entrance.

Jeff Edwards, plant and soil sciences assistant professor and Cooperative Extension small grains specialist, received the 2007 American Society of Agronomy-Crop Science Society of America-Soil Science Society of America Early Career Professional Award in November to recognize his "outstanding contributions to crop science through national and international service, education and research."

Science teachers and approximately 150 students representing 15 schools across Oklahoma took part in "A Celebration of Science Learning" on Nov. 14 at OSU. Physics lecturer **Chuck Hasty** worked with science teachers to explore new and creative ways to teach science. The program was a collaboration between the College of Arts and Sciences, Oklahoma A+ Schools and the Kirkpatrick Foundation.

Tom Stone, management professor, has been appointed associate editor of *Career Development International Journal*.

OSU Staff Advisory Council turned in a grand total of 1,617.8 pounds - 53 pounds more than last year, plus \$188 in cash for the Harvest II campaign, according to **Carey Warner**, Staff Advisory Council chair. The traveling trophy was presented to Information Technology, where five teams racked up 2,493 points.

Robert Fulton, DVM, Ph.D., professor and McCasland Foundation Endowed Chair for Food Animal Research, received \$132,643 from Pfizer Animal Health in Kalamazoo, Mich., to fund a bovine research project.

OSU Writing Project co-director **Lisa Ummel-Ingram** will be featured as the face of the National Writing Project in *Teacher Magazine*. A teacher at Wheeler Elementary School in Oklahoma City, she co-directs OSU Writing Project's annual Summer Institute for pre-kindergarten through university teachers.

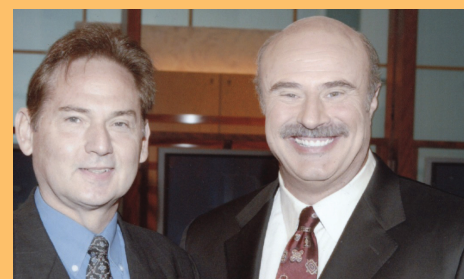
Co-Ming Chan, head of the library cataloging department, and the late **Theodore and Jeanne Agnew**, received 2007 Edna Mae Phelps Awards at the H. Louise & H.E. "Ed" Cobb 2007 Speaker Series presented by the Friends of the OSU Library.

OSU-Okmulgee commemorated the state's 100 year birthday by opening a time capsule buried on the north side of the visual communications building, and with saddle and tack demonstrations, a costume contest, cow chip throwing contest, pie baking contest and Scottish Country Dance.

Distinguished Service Awards at OSU went to **Kim Brock**, animal science herdsman; **Mark Howrey**, IT-software services manager; **Melissa Dunn**, natural resource ecology and management staff assistant; **Debra Wells**, agricultural economics senior secretary; **Fred Evans**, postal foreman; **Tony Reynolds**, plumber II; **Maria Malave**, custodian II; and **Robert Park**, housekeeper.

Brandon Reese, ceramics and 3-D design associate professor, was featured Oct. 26 on KFOR-TV's "Great State" episode titled "Stillwater artist works in big clay," filmed at the OSU Visual Arts Annex.

Joey Senat, journalism associate professor, was presented the Marian Opala First Amendment Award at the state's ninth annual First Amendment Congress held recently in Oklahoma City.



Steve Edwards, left, applied health and educational psychology professor, recently returned from Los Angeles where he took part in two tapings of the Dr. Phil show. Edwards has served on Dr. Phil's Advisory Board since 2004, a board consisting of people from various specialties in psychology who advise the producers, editors and writers regarding topics for the TV show.

Neil Purdie, chemistry head, was included in a recent article in The New York Times. "Beyond Depression, an Explosion of New Ideas." It focused on Purdie and his co-inventors' work in how technology may be able to quickly and inexpensively measure omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids in serum or plasma, a process that normally takes 2.5 days.

W.W. Allen Scholar and Enrichment Program Announced

The OSU Foundation announced a landmark gift from 1959 mechanical engineering alumnus W. Wayne Allen of Houston that will create the W.W. Allen Scholars Program - the premier undergraduate engineering scholarship and enrichment program in the nation.

The program will accelerate the intellectual development of engineering graduates destined to become leaders of innovation and giants of industry. Students will be nationally recruited and selected based on extraordinary intellectual success and leadership development while in high school and on their potential to make significant contributions to their professions.

Scholars will receive undergraduate scholarships and will engage in national and international travel, leadership and

professional development, and will have an opportunity to pursue a one-year post-graduate educational opportunity abroad.

Allen, a former CEO of Phillips Petroleum Co., decided to fund the new program after observing the high impact of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Scholars Program



Front, W. Wayne Allen and Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe; standing, Foundation President and CEO Kirk Jewell and CEAT Dean Karl Reid.

initiated in 1989. He then observed firsthand how lives of outstanding students were changed by the subsequent Phillips Scholars Program he established in 1996 and the W. W. Allen Scholars Program he established in 2004.

A dedicated alumnus, Allen holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering and a masters' degree in industrial engineering and management from OSU. He served on the OSU Foundation Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, and is a member and past chairman of the CEAT Associates.

Morsanis Honored for Continued Support

The OSU College of Education announced a \$5 million planned gift from the Frank and Carol Morsani Foundation on Nov. 9. Longtime supporters and the first million dollar donors to the college, the Morsanis helped kick off the College's

2007-08 campaign, "Planting the Seeds: Growing Future Professionals."

Frank Morsani, trade and industrial education '57, and the former Carol Walsh, '53, of Tampa, Fla., built Precision Enterprises Tampa, Inc., a trusted automobile empire consisting of 25 dealerships around the country.

This gift, one of the largest planned gifts the college has ever received, will establish the Frank Morsani Distinguished Chair in Education to be held by the dean of the college, and the Frank Morsani Distinguished Chair of Excellence in Ethical Leadership, which will coordinate a university-wide initiative on ethics in leadership. A portion of the gift from the Morsani Foundation will be eligible for a match from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, potentially bringing the total gift amount to \$9 million.



College of Education Dean Pamela Fry, far left, and OSU Regents Chair Lou Watkins, far right, visit with Carol and Frank Morsani on Nov. 9, which was proclaimed by Gov. Brad Henry as "Frank and Carol Morsani Day in the State of Oklahoma."

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