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

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Message from David J. Schmidly

As I complete my fourth year at the helm of the Oklahoma State University System, I have never been more excited about my job and the future of our outstanding institution.

Our strategic plan is guiding us to new levels of achievement across the OSU System. The plan also has

proven visionary with respect to the issues and priorities dominating the national discussion on higher education. The OSU strategic plan aligns every aspect of our system to address the four major challenges confronting higher education today.

Affordability – Tuition is one of our biggest concerns. We will continue to seek adequate state funding to ensure quality and affordable programs while working harder than ever to control or reduce costs. We are working on the details of a major scholarship fundraising campaign that will address both merit and need-based aid as well as general institutional scholarships for freshman students.

Access – Oklahoma needs more college graduates, and OSU must ensure access to all students with the ability to do college work. As part of that effort, our diversity office is making headway on improving minority enrollment. It is important to assist those students who need more development and our Gateway Program with Northern Oklahoma College provides that boost on our Stillwater campus.

Excellence and Quality – Progress in access and affordability without excellence and quality would be a hollow victory. Our Honors Program and Young Scholars Program continue to perform at a high level. The faculty initiative Restore, Reward and Grow is helping us strengthen the quality of an OSU education. Our faculty, students and staff continue to receive numerous national and state awards and recognition. To continue to improve the value of an OSU diploma, and to grow and attract the best faculty, we must improve our facilities for teaching and research. Our campus master plan is doing just that with more than \$500 million in non-athletic projects planned or under construction.

Student Success and Accountability – Pressure is increasing for higher education institutions to provide consumer friendly data on student performance and evidence of campus productivity. I am pleased that our online academic ledger system, which tracks five years worth of data down to the department level, puts us far ahead of other schools. But we must do more. We are working on an effective way to measure learning outcomes of students and making those results available to parents and applicants.

In other priorities, I'm pleased with the progress we have made in fundraising since I became president. OSU has received the largest

private donation in its history for both academics and athletics, and our federal initiative program has garnered almost \$50 million. The OSU Foundation this year reports a record in private gifts received and return on endowments.

International education has become high on the radar screen around the country. To facilitate more of our students studying abroad, we have opened offices at two universities in Mexico where a full-time person will recruit Mexican students and improve opportunities for our students to study in Mexico.

We will soon complete another successful semester and I am pleased that alumnus Burns Hargis, vice chair of the Bank of Oklahoma and member of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents, has agreed to deliver our fall commencement speech Dec. 16. I look forward to his message to our graduates.

In closing, I am delighted to be at OSU for many reasons, but topping the list is our people. From quickly responding to help more than 20 students displaced by a pre-Thanksgiving off-campus apartment fire, to helping those less fortunate through an annual Angel Tree, the OSU family is there. As we near the year's end, I want to wish each of you a blessed holiday and thank you for what you mean to OSU.

Happy Holidays!



Kat Green, Midwest City zoology junior, left, and Breanne Hill, Tulsa health promotion junior, decorate the 2006 Angel Tree in the Student Union Atrium. The Non-Traditional Student Organization is working with the Department of Human Services to help make Christmas wishes come true for more than 400 children this year. OSU-Tulsa also has an Angel Tree to help children in Tulsa.

OSU-Tulsa ‘Tops Out’ Helmerich Research Center

OSU supporters and community leaders created Tulsa history on Nov. 1 as they symbolically “topped out” OSU-Tulsa’s Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center, a Vision 2025 project.

OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl said the event celebrated the completion of



OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl signed the highest part of the new Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center during its “topping out” ceremony.

the highest part of the building, a traditional milestone in the construction process. Construction on the \$45 million research center, which will focus on research in advanced materials and bio-based technologies, began last October.

“We wanted to share this exciting day with the Tulsa community and our OSU family,” Trennepohl said. “Because of their support, the Helmerich ATRC has evolved from a concept into the impressive structure you see taking shape today.”

The theme for the event was “A Snapshot of History,” which featured guided signing tours to the top of the building. Participants were invited to become a part of OSU-Tulsa’s history by signing the base of the strobic fans that dominate the top of the building structure.

OSU-Tulsa administrators, trustees, faculty and staff were joined by representatives and construction workers of Flintco, Inc., the company constructing the building, for the signing tours.

“Today we recognize the tremendous progress made by our construction teams in building the structure,” said David Kollmann, division president of Flintco, Inc. “We’re pleased to report that construction

of the 123,000-square-foot facility is on time and on budget.”

Funded through Tulsa County’s Vision 2025 initiative, the state’s higher education bond issue and Walter and Peggy Helmerich of Tulsa, the Helmerich ATRC will focus on four areas of research: advanced materials, bio-based technologies, energy technologies and information and control technologies.

Trennepohl said the center, which is expected to be completed in November 2007, will stimulate economic development for Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma, resulting in collaborations with area businesses and the creation of new jobs.



V. Burns Hargis



Al Goodbary

Hargis, Goodbary Set For Commencement Talks

V. Burns Hargis of Oklahoma City, a member of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges and Oklahoma State University, and Al Goodbary, OSU chief of staff, will give OSU commencement speeches this month.

Hargis, an OSU alumnus and vice chair of the Bank of Oklahoma N.A., will speak on the Stillwater campus on Dec. 16. Prior to joining the bank, he practiced law in Oklahoma City for 28 years. He appears weekly with sparring partner Mike Turpen on the award winning program “Flashpoint” on KFOR and KOMA.

Graduate College Hooding is set for 7 p.m. on Dec. 15, with undergraduate ceremonies set for Dec. 16, all in Gallagher-Iba Arena. A 10:30 a.m. ceremony is set for the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Arts and Sciences, and Education. A 1:30 p.m. ceremony is set for the College of Human Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, and the Spears School of Business.

Goodbary will present the commencement address at OSU-Okmulgee on Dec. 15.

OSU Medical Center Begins New Era

Tulsa Regional Medical Center’s proud osteopathic heritage joins the “power of orange” at the newly named OSU Medical Center in Tulsa.

The change is part of the academic affiliation agreement between OSU-CHS and the hospital. OSU Medical Center now is the primary teaching hospital for the nationally ranked medical school. A state authority oversees the agreement and a \$40 million legislative appropriation for improvements

benefiting the residency program.

The hospital continues to provide quality health care to patients as it trains Oklahoma physicians. The OSU Medical Center is the largest osteopathic teaching center in the country, training 126 residents each year in primary care and sub-specialty areas. The hospital and the OSU medical school have trained more than 2,000 physicians, many of them practicing in rural Oklahoma.

The OSU Medical Center in Tulsa now sports a new sign visible from afar.



OSU Foundation Reports Recent Gifts To Support OSU

The OSU Foundation recently reported three new gifts.

The Halliburton Foundation awarded \$20,500 to support three engineering and business education programs: Halliburton Master's scholarships, the Halliburton Leadership Challenge Program and the Halliburton Outstanding Faculty Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership. OSU's partnership with Halliburton dates back to the early 1980s, and since that time Halliburton has awarded the university more than \$2 million in gifts and grants.

The Food & Agricultural Products Center at OSU received two electrolyzed water generators from Unitherm Food Systems of Bristow valued at \$230,000. According to FAPC director Roy Escoubas, they will be used for researching electrolyzed water's effects on fresh beef, pork and lamb.

The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation of Ardmore is providing \$117,871 for OSU research over the next three years to allow a team of scientists led by Regents Professor Michael Smith to explore how to best curb irregular bearing in pecans, a horticulturally undesirable trait.

The Kirkpatrick Foundation awarded OSU \$30,000 to benefit students in the College for Veterinary Health Sciences. The gift will support an internship program designed to provide students with hands-on training opportunities in primary and tertiary care of domestic, wildlife and exotic animal species.



Dr. Patricia Knaub, dean of the OSU College of Human Environmental Sciences, along with Mary and Jimmy Gonzales and their daughter, Mya, recently announced the formation of the Rise School of Stillwater.

CHES to be New Home to Rise School

Thanks to a challenge gift of \$425,000 from Boone Pickens to the Mya Gonzales Foundation, the foundation, in partnership with the College of Human Environmental Sciences, will create the Rise School of Stillwater, a preschool for special needs children.

The school will be the seventh Rise School in the nation and will be modeled after the original Rise program that began as a demonstration project in 1974 at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. It will be an early intervention program for young children 18 months to 6-years of age that integrates children with disabilities with their non-disabled peers.

Students with disabilities, such as Down syndrome, spina bifida and cerebral palsy, will comprise 60-70 percent of the class. Its purpose will be to provide children with

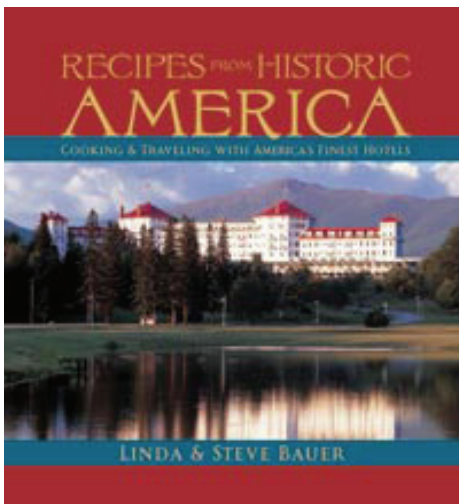
developmental disabilities and their parents the instructional, physical and emotional support they need to help children reach their full potential.

The Mya Gonzales Foundation was formed by OSU director of football operations Jimmy Gonzales and his wife, Mary, in March 2006. Mya is their 1-year-old daughter who was born with Down syndrome in July 2005.

"Anyone who has ever met Jimmy Gonzales and his family knows right off how extraordinary they are," Pickens said. "We are pleased to join with Jimmy and OSU to help establish a Rise School of Stillwater and a focused teaching program to equip students with the knowledge and abilities they need to become capable teachers of special needs children."

Ranchers Club Featured in Cookbook

The Ranchers Club in the OSU Student Union is featured in a newly released cookbook, "Recipes from Historic America,



Cooking & Traveling with America's Finest Hotels."

The cookbook is an effort to help visitors, locals, and gourmards enjoy some of the finest food and the most interesting restaurants in our country. You simply choose an area in one of the seven regions and decide which historic restaurant to visit.

Pictures of the properties are included along with a page or more of history for each. The locations and methods of contact are also offered along with several of the chef's favorite recipes that are on the menu.

The book can be purchased from The Ranchers Club, from the publisher online at Bright Sky Press or from Amazon.com. The price is \$29.95.



Monica Seawright, Ardmore sophomore business major, recently was crowned Chickasaw Princess. She will make several appearances over the next year on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

Alumni Association Announces 2007 Seniors of Significance

Thirty-nine OSU students have been designated Seniors of Significance for 2007, according to the OSU Alumni Association.

The seniors were selected by the Alumni Awards and Recognition Committee, which included members of the national board and appropriate campus representatives. The top graduating seniors for 2007 will be selected from this group next spring.

Receiving this honor are Angela M. Baker, Oklahoma City, accounting; Becca Baker, Tulsa, broadcast journalism and news; Blake Bixler, Waynoka, agribusiness; Ruth Bobbitt, Lamont, agricultural commu-

nications; Kathryn Bolay, Perry, agricultural communications; Jeff Clark, Boise City, agricultural economics and accounting; Evan Fitz, Lawton, English; Allison Ford, Ponca City, international business, management and Spanish; Lauren Ghosey, Olathe, Kan., nutritional sciences; Ashleigh Gibson, Lawton, public relations; Meghan Gilliland, Oklahoma City, biological sciences; Matthew Givens, Oklahoma City, finance; Kara Hahn, Goddard, Kan., public relations; Sarah Haynes, McLoud, management and psychology; Michael L. Hays, Tulsa, industrial engineering

and management; Nikki Howell, Nowata, psychology; Jennifer Johnson, Oklahoma City, biological sciences; Katie Lee, Durant, biochemistry and molecular biology; Laura Lenker, Norman, chemical engineering; and Holly Licht, College Station, Texas, political science.

Also receiving the honor are Stacy Murray, Ponca City, accounting; Clayton Nelson, Oklahoma City, physiology; Amy Noblett, Manhattan, Kan., risk management, finance and Spanish; Cara Noltensmeyer, Derby, Kan., industrial engineering and management; Ty Peck, Kingfisher, finance; Wravenna Phipps, Kearney, Neb., animal science and agricultural communications; Fatima Pina, Stillwater, dietetics; Kristen Radka, Ponca City, elementary education; Owen Schlipf, Tyler, Texas, accounting; Michael Schultz, Coppell, Texas, management information systems; Lauren A. Simmons, Laguna Niguel, Calif., history; Darnell J. Smith, San Antonio, Texas, economics; Tyler Smith, Elk City, agribusiness; Amber Stangl, Clinton, American studies; Destanie L. Sykes, Dallas, Texas, apparel design; Holly Thomas, Edmond, marketing; Natalie Trent, Spiro, applied physics; Latasha Wilson, Stillwater, political science; and Evan Worley, Oklahoma City, mechanical and aerospace engineering.

McNair Scholars

A total of 25 McNair Scholar Alumni representing 20 McNair programs from 11 states are now pursuing OSU graduate degrees. Attending an informal meeting recently were, front row, scholars Alvina Cawston, Brandi Newry, Claudia Porras, Enedelia Saucedo and Askarai Addison; and back row, Graduate College Dean Gordon Emslie, scholars Cassandra Wong, Jerod Michel, Eboney Crawford, Armando Ramirez, Niashanta McClellan and Dr. Cornell Thomas, vice president for Institutional Diversity.



This fall's class at OSU-OKC will be the largest to graduate from any **Oklahoma Veterinary Technology** associate degree program ever, according to Cathy Kirkpatrick, executive director, state Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. It also will be the largest class to take the Oklahoma State Licensing Exam.

Three **OSU-Okmulgee's Information Technologies Division** students took firstplace at the Association of Information Technology Professionals regional contest at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Stacy Tipton, Henryetta, won in office integration, and Jason Alvarado, Yukon, and Jason Hart, Muskogee, teamed up to win first in network design and third place in Web design, according to Scott Newman, Information Technologies division chair.

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity held "the craziest taco eating event" that raised \$1,000 for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camps for terminally ill children,

according to David Manison, event leader. With tacos supplied by Qdoba Mexican Grill, about 100 students competed to see who could eat the most in 93.7 seconds (representing KSPI radio). Women's winner Nikki Grimaldi ate five tacos and men's winner Justin Worley tied at eight tacos, so he competed again, eating nine more tacos in 93.7 seconds to win.

Jennifer Howard, Stillwater fourth-year veterinary medicine student, was named this quarter's recipient of the "Above and Beyond Award" established by veterinary medicine clients Jeff and Cathy Shaffer to recognize students who surpass the normal expectation of veterinary medicine students.

Megumi Yamasaki, Ashiya-Shi, Japan, apparel design junior, recently was named one of the Top 10 designers at the Kansas City Fashion Group International Design Competition. **Haley Hollaway**, Sand Springs apparel design junior, was first-place winner of the merchandising

board competition for marketing a women's apparel company, and **Leah Davis**, Edmond apparel design junior, placed third in the merchandising board competition for women's wear designs.

Mortar Board hosted a Wizard of Oz Book Drive, "Reading is Leading," giving 40-50 books to 30 children aged 4-8 and donating more than 150 books to the Golden Key book drive.

A total of 124 students have been assigned to **student teach** this semester by the College of Education.

Fulfilling a project requirement for their management course, **28 OSU-OKC students** spent Nov. 3 working with Habitat for Humanity.

Yolanda Odenyo, human development and family science junior and OSU women's soccer team member, has been named to ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District VI second team and to the All-Big 12 Academic team. The

OSU Medicine Students Earn AOA awards

OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine students received first and second places in an essay competition sponsored by the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic History and Identity.

Rhett Papa, second-year medical student, took the \$5,000 first-place award for his essay that examines how the distinctiveness between osteopathic and allopathic medicine creates a competition that drives modern medicine toward excellence.

Dustin Colegrove, third-year student, earned the \$3,000 second place for his essay comparing the survival rate of patients treated by osteopathic physicians and those treated by allopathic physicians during the flu epidemic of 1918.

The competition encourages study of the osteopathic profession's past challenges and achievements.



Rhett Papa and Dustin Colegrove



2006-07 Niblack Research Scholars are, from the left, Edward El Rassi, Tyler Weirick, Benjamin McLaughlin, Amanda Bostian-Miles, Kristy Rutz, Brooke Washington, Alicia Davis, Savannah Burch, Travis Wolff and Ian Buchanan. Not pictured are Deborah Lanfair and Edward Manda.

2006-07 Niblack Research Scholars Named

Twelve OSU undergraduates have been named 2006-07 Niblack Research Scholars by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer.

Scholars are Amanda Bostian-Miles, Perkins; Ian Buchanan, Stillwater; Savannah Burch, Wilson; Alicia Davis, Bixby; Edward El Rassi, Stillwater; Deborah Lanfair, Oklahoma City; Edward Manda, Lusaka, Zambia; Benjamin McLaughlin, Tahlequah; Kristy Rutz, Seiling; Brooke Washington, Oklahoma City; Tyler Weirick, Ada; and Travis Wolff, Yale.

The program, started by OSU alumnus John Niblack, is an undergraduate-graduate student research partnership to develop and foster student interest in scholarly research within the science disciplines at OSU. Each undergraduate-graduate student pair works under the guidance and leadership of a faculty adviser.

Undergraduates receive \$2,000 fall and spring scholarships and a \$4,000 summer scholarship, and graduate research mentors receive a summer stipend.

Uppsala, Sweden, native has scored four goals and recorded seven assists this season to lead the Cowgirls to a No. 7 national ranking, the highest ranking in school history.

School of International Studies graduate student **Billy Jivetti** of Kenya was one of 200 college students asked to join ambassadors, diplomats, human rights experts and other senior officials at an international symposium on U.N. policy at the University of California-Los Angeles in November. He was selected based on his paper and proposal detailing how the social support groups formed by rural African women can serve as a force for small-scale business enterprises.

Wilhelmina D. Copley, Oklahoma City Ph.D. math student, has been selected to the 2006 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scholarship and Fellowship Program, a highly competitive program that nurtures the next generation of public-service oriented scientists and engineers

and encourages long-term commitment to homeland security challenges. In addition to full tuition and an orientation in Washington, D.C., she will take part in a 10-week summer research internship with DHS.

More than 1,750 OSU students completed 138 projects in Stillwater for the annual “**Into the Streets**” program that gives them the opportunity to contribute to their community by helping homeowners, businesses and local organizations with a wide range of projects.

For the first time in six years, OSU hosted the **Big 12 Leadership Conference** in November where Student Government Leaders discussed issues facing college students.

Dustin Colegrove, Enid third-year student at the College of Osteopathic Medicine, is one of two osteopathic medical students in the nation accepted for the 2007 Osteopathic Health Policy Internship program in Washington, D.C. He will spend one

month each at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and the American Osteopathic Association studying government relations and health policy. He also will meet with federal agency officials, attend hearings on Capitol Hill pertaining to health policy, conduct research on health policy and complete a research paper.

Former OSU-OKC student **Jason Boston** was honored as the 2006 Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance Programs TRiO Achiever at the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs banquet. He wrote a featured article in the OSU-OKC student newsletter *Cowboy Chronicle* titled “Visions of Blindness” in which he describes what it was like to be a seeing person who goes blind. He now works at LexisNexis.

More than **115,000 eBooks** are now available through the Edmon Low Library and can be accessed through the library's Web site.

Nixon Honored for 55 Years Service to OSU

Dorothy Nixon, School of Journalism and Broadcasting administrative assistant, was honored for an unprecedented 55 years of service to OSU—all in the same department—at the annual Staff Awards and Recognition.

Nixon began working at Oklahoma A&M College on June 1, 1951, and is the only person ever to exceed 50 years of employment with OSU. She was presented with a Pistol Pete clock, service pin and a certificate.

“I like my job. I like the people, the staff, the faculty and the students,” Nixon said.



Dorothy Nixon

“OSU has become home to me.”

She grew up in Stillwater and worked at OSU in the cafeteria when she was in high school. She attended OSU for two years studying home economics, then a friend told her about a position opening in publications. She has worked as an administrative assistant in the department ever since.

Seven OSU employees also received Distinguished Service Awards to recognize individuals who are hard working, dedicated, loyal and make a difference not only in their areas but also the university as a whole. Recipients received a plaque and a one-time \$750 stipend, according to Carey Warner, OSU staff advisory chair.

Recipients and their categories included Administrative/Professional: Suzanne Burk, University Counseling Services, and Rick Williamson, Farm, Feed and Services; Classified-Clerical: Glenda Bentley, Fire Protection Publications, and Peggy Gregory, Undergraduate Admissions; Classified-Service/Maintenance: Jean LeForce, Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, and Patrick Wheeler, Physical Plant; Classified-Trades/Technical Paraprofessional: Janelle Ballard, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.



Dr. Pamela Fry, dean of the OSU College of Education, accepted a sticker that was flown onboard the International Space Station and its certificate of authenticity from William S. McArthur, commander and science officer of Expedition 12, in recognition of the extraordinary contributions OSU has made to educating students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. McArthur spent 190 days in orbit, and recently spoke on the OSU campus as the guest of the College of Education and the NASA Aerospace Education Services Program.

History Department faculty had four books published in 2006: “Catholic and French Forever: Religious and National Identity in Modern France,” by **Joseph F. Byrnes**; “The Colonial Church Records,” by **James F. Cooper Jr.** and Kenneth P. Minkema, editors; “The History of Finland,” by **Jason Lavery**; and “Desert Cities: The Environmental History of Phoenix and Tucson,” by **Michael F. Logan**.

Dr. Margaret White, management associate professor, chaired a session and served on a panel at the Strategic Management Society Meetings in Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Lowell Caneday, leisure studies professor, received the President’s Award from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration at the National Recreation and Park Association Congress in Seattle. He served as editor of the *Academy Bulletin*, a quarterly publication for academy Fellows.

A proposal by **Dr. Edralin Lucas**, “The Role of Dried Plum in Reducing Inflammation and Oxidative Stress due to

Microgravity,” was selected for the Oklahoma NASA Space Grant Consortium. The nutritional sciences assistant professor will travel to a NASA center and be eligible to compete for one of four Research Initiation Grants of \$21,000.

Mary Dickson, interim chair, OSU-Okmulgee Visual Communications Division, and **Chris Small**, OSU-OKC adjunct art instructor, were selected to be among 100 artists for “Heroes and Outlaws: 100 Oklahomans by 100 Oklahomans,” an official Centennial history project sponsored by the City Arts Center in Oklahoma City. Dickson chose Anita Hill as her subject and spent 40 hours creating an interpretive portrait of her, and Small chose Oklahoma jazz legend Chet Baker to paint.

Kent Sampson, OSU Campus Life director, received the 2007 Marge Gilley Award from the Miss Oklahoma State University Scholarship Pageant board of directors for his positive influence on the development of leadership for women of OSU and the Stillwater community. Presenting the

award was Laura Nelson, Miss Oklahoma 2006.

Dr. Ramesh Sharda, Regents Professor and Conoco Chair of management science and information systems, was elected the president of the newly formed Asian American Faculty Staff Association of OSU. He also serves as the general co-chair of the 9th International Conference on Decision Support Systems being held at the Indian Institute of Management-Calcutta, a premier school of management in India.

Dr. David Nagle, German Online instructor, is president of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German and serves on the Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers Association board along with

Dr. John Howland, French associate professor who is an at-large member.

A First Canine Critical Care course, developed by OSU-OKC and the Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office, was held recently to train police officers with service dogs.

Oklahoma Can Expect Slower 2007 Job Growth

Oklahoma added 28,800 jobs this year, a 1.9 percent increase, but the Center for Applied Economic Research at Oklahoma State University's Spears School of Business expects employment expansion to slow to 1.2 percent or 17,900 additional jobs in 2007.

"The boost from the energy sector is likely the determining factor in why the state outperformed the national economy on most measures the past few years," said Dr. Mark Snead, center director. "What remains uncertain is the size of the negative impact of higher energy prices on the remainder of the state economy."

While higher energy costs have resulted in more jobs and increased state revenue, a study by Snead found evidence the higher price of energy is constraining economic activity. The study shows that Oklahomans are spending, on average, about \$1,500 more per person on energy than they did four years ago. Job growth in the housing market is expected to continue to slow in 2007 but Snead doesn't expect the significant slowdown that is occurring in the national housing market.

For more information, go to www.economy.okstate.edu.



Douglas Hershey

Hershey Selected Netherlands Institute Fellow-in-Residence

Dr. Douglas A. Hershey, psychology associate professor, is one of 20 people selected as Fellows-in-Residence at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The aim of the institute is to stimulate research in the humanities and social sciences and to promote interdisciplinary cooperation in an international setting.

He will be able to devote himself exclusively to his own academic projects for a 10-month period and plans to work with two others at the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute to understand the factors that motivate individuals to plan and save for retirement.

Two Fulbright Scholars Conduct Research On Stillwater Campus

Janko Bozic, a teaching assistant in the Department of Biology at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia, and Zhenping Hao, professor at the Institute of Accountancy, Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, are on OSU's Stillwater campus this year as Fulbright Visiting Scholars.

Bozic is conducting research on "Effects of Acute and Chronic Ethanol Consumption on Social Behavior in Three Different Genetic Strains of Honey Beets," and will be in Stillwater through January.

Hao's research on "Oversight Systems of the Accounting Profession: A Comparative Study Between the United States and China" will continue through September 2007.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange activity, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

According to **Dana Call**, RVT, VTS (ECC) and OSU-OKC veterinary technician, these animals are extremely valuable, and the goal is to educate handlers so they can respond quickly and appropriately to an emergency.

During its annual technical meeting in Claremore, the Oklahoma Academy of Science honored **Dr. Ziad El-Rassi**, chemistry professor, as "Scientist of the Year" for his research in the discipline of analytical chromatography. His research focuses on furthering the development of modern liquid phase separation techniques.

Head wrestling coach **John Smith** was one of seven Oklahoma celebrities to represent Oklahoma in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The float, "Oklahoma Rising," was part of Oklahoma's centennial celebration commemorating 100 years of statehood.

Dr. Jim L. Hanson, fire protection and safety technology associate professor, received the 2006 Excellence in Teaching

Award from the University Continuing Education Association's Great Plains Chapter.

Dr. Lyndi Gilliam, veterinary clinical sciences resident, is now a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, and **Dr. Susan Little**, professor and Ewing Krull Endowed Chair of Veterinary Pathobiology, received Diplomate status in the European Veterinary Parasitology College. Little also was elected vice president of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists.

Dr. Michael J. Merten, human development and family sciences assistant professor, received the Student/New Professional Award from the National Council on Family Relations in Minneapolis.

OSU-OKC Ag Tech Division's **Haldor Howard** named Oklahoma Greenhouse Growers Association Greenhouse Grower of the Year. He served as OGGA president in 2004 and 2005.

The "can do" attitude of two OSU-Okmulgee faculty members is helping their program keep pace with industry demand for gas compression field-service technicians. **Gary Hobbie** and **Charlie Whitley** have built their own lab equipment, solicited equipment and scholarships and scoured a five-state region recruiting students. Their success has quadrupled enrollment and is drawing industry recognition for producing quality technical professionals. A consortium of gas compression companies recently visited from Colorado and is asking if the one-of-a-kind program could grow to supply at least 100 employees a year to meet demand.

Dr. Richard Bryant, teaching and curriculum leadership assistant professor, was named Higher Education Teacher of the year by the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association in October.

The recent **KOSU** on-air fundraiser concluded with a record pledge total of \$150,700.



Our OSU logo flew proudly over Japan last month as OSU student Nick Donner, Fishersville, Ky., aviation sciences senior, finished fourth at the 2006 Federation Aeronautique Internationale World Championship in Motegi, Japan. He reported that all of the American pilots finished in the top 11, taking three of the four top spots: 1st, 2nd and 4th.

Dr. Isaiah Fidler, '63 vet med, is leading a research team that is making cancer history at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. He has discovered that imatinib (Gleevec) paired with paclitaxel (Taxol) has the best results in treating prostate cancer in mice. While more trials will be made in a clinical setting, his team is making great strides toward stopping prostate cancer.

Drs. Dwayne Cartmell, Craig Edwards, Shelly Sitton and Cindy Blackwell, Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and 4-H Youth Development, were awarded \$227,000 from the U.S. Department of State for their project, "Nurturing the 'Fourth Estate': Professional Development for Media Specialists in the Republic of Mali, West Africa." The project involves training Mali media specialists on the basic tenets of a democratic press system. A U.S. team of eight media professionals will travel to Mali twice in 2007. Sixteen Malian media specialists will spend July 2007 in Oklahoma.

Thirteen OSU players have been named to the 2006 Academic All-Big 12 Football Team, OSU's second highest total ever. Senior defensive end **Darnell Smith**, San Antonio economics major, earned first-team status for the fourth time in his career with the 12 other honorees selected for the first time. First team honorees include sophomores **Zach Allen**, Edmond; **Seb Clements**, Sanger, Texas; **Matt Fodge**, Rowlett, Texas; **Alex Odiari**, Carrollton, Texas; and **Cole Reynolds**, Edmond. Seniors named include **Steve Mocco**, Stillwater; and senior **Cortney Billingsley**, Arlington, Texas. Second team honors went to redshirt freshmen **Brady Bond** of Enid and **Andre Sexton** of Houston; sophomore **John Johnson** of El Dorado, Ark.; and juniors **Clint Coe**, Edmond, and **Seth Newton**, Pittsburg, Kan.

Chemical engineering students at the 2006 American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting in San Francisco took part in the national finals of two com-

Miss OSU 2007



Margaret Edwards, nutritional sciences junior from Texarkana, Ark., was crowned Miss Oklahoma State University for 2007 at the Miss OSU Scholarship pageant on Oct. 26. She received a \$1,000 scholarship and will represent the university in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant, according to Joe Ray, special events coordinator.

petitions. The team of Meghan Benyshek, Kelly Guss, Steve Keen, Jordan Loudermilk and Ogadinma Offor finished 13th out of 28 teams in the National Chem-E-Car Competition and received the Golden Tire Award for best design as judged by other competitors. David Wiist took fifth in the National Student Paper Competition for a technical paper describing his work on developing techniques to fabricate three-dimensional scaffolds to grow tissues from umbilical stem cells. For the eighth year in a row, OSU students won an Outstanding Student Chapter Award.



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