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Message from David J. Schmidly

Our spring semester is off to an exciting, chilly start. As I wrote last month, Oklahoma State University is working hard to address four of the most pressing issues in higher education today – affordability, access, quality and accountability.

To tackle those critical areas, we have created an online academic ledger that provides a comprehensive look at the performance and productivity of not only the university, but drills down to the college and departmental levels.

This in-depth report card is the ultimate barometer of our success. By including data used for national rankings, the ledger helps us address areas for improvement as we pursue our strategic goal of making OSU a more competitive research university.

When we initiated our Achieving Greatness strategic plan, and initiatives such as the faculty Restore, Reward and Grow program, it was essential to establish a baseline to measure our progress. With our academic report card, we are far ahead of other institutions in providing access to data on student performance and campus productivity.

In addition to guiding our own efforts, the online report card makes detailed information openly available to prospective students, parents, legislators, taxpayers and others who want to evaluate our performance. I'm pleased that it makes OSU an open book.

The ledger tracks five years of information on faculty salaries, retention, student-to-teacher ratios, graduation rates and degrees awarded, gender and ethnicity makeup of faculty and students, freshman ACT scores, research and outreach expenditures, and more.

You can link to the OSU ledger from our home page. I hope you will take a look...



In an attempt to address the key issues of access and affordability for students, we were pleased last month to announce the creation of Cowboy Covenant, which provides additional financial support for students who qualify for the state's Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, or OHLAP.

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Among the most important things people gain from attending OSU are the relationships that last a lifetime. That was the theme earlier this month as Tulsa alumnus Sherman Smith made a \$20 million gift to OSU. It was the bond Sherman developed with Boone Pickens and others during his OSU days that helped keep him connected to his alma mater and helped lead to a historic gift for a first-class indoor practice facility that will bear his name. We greatly appreciate Sherman's generosity and love for OSU...

Oklahoma State Portraits: Celebrating the Centennial of Oklahoma Statehood has arrived and is being delivered to all those who have ordered the coffee-table book. The book is first class and a beautiful tribute to the men and women of OSU. A half-hour DVD that brings to life the people and places of OSU accompanies the book.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will help preserve our oldest and most treasured landmark by funding the renovation of Old Central, which will become the home of the OSU Honors College. If you have ordered a copy already, thank you. If not, or if you want to order more copies, ordering information is on the back page of this newsletter...

In closing, we talk often about the outstanding achievements of our students and faculty. Believe me, there is much to talk about. Less is said about the tremendous work our staff employees do to keep the OSU campus running each and every day.

I want to offer special recognition to the many employees who braved frigid conditions and worked extra hours to clear our campus and make sure we could resume our regular schedule following the recent winter ice storm that blasted Oklahoma. It was yet another example of OSU people going above and beyond!



President David Schmidly, Boone Pickens, Sherman Smith, Will Smith and Mike Holder

Sherman Smith Makes Indoor Practice Facility a Reality for Athletic Village

Sherman Smith of Tulsa, a 1948 mechanical engineering graduate, is giving \$20 million toward OSU's athletic indoor practice facility, a gift that makes him the second largest private donor in OSU history.

"This gift is a reflection of how much Oklahoma State University means to dad," said Will Smith, his son and family spokesman. "He very often shares stories, tales and anecdotes of his time as a student at Oklahoma State.

"He enjoys watching his Cowboys and Cowgirls and their pursuit of conference and national titles. It is a privilege to have the resources to financially assist in the vision of OSU Athletics. The energy business has been very good to us and we feel blessed to make this contribution."

The new indoor facility that will bear Sherman Smith's name will be strategically located north of Boone Pickens Stadium in the Athletic Village.

"This is a landmark gift from a dear and longtime friend and donor to Oklahoma State University. We are extremely thankful to Sherman Smith and his family for their generosity and their lasting impact on Oklahoma State University," said David Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President.

The gift was officially announced by OSU Vice President for Athletic Programs

and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Mike Holder, with the Smith family in attendance for the announcement in the Athletics Center.

"This is a special gift serving Oklahoma State athletics," said Holder. "An important part of dramatically improving our athletic facilities, this gift continues the momentum that has been established at OSU. Sherman has been a tremendous difference maker in supporting OSU Athletics for many years. We are extremely grateful to Sherman and his family for this important contribution."

"Sherman Smith and I have known each other since our days together at Oklahoma State in the 1940s," said Boone Pickens, who attended the event. "We've been friends, fraternity brothers and business partners. I have the utmost respect for Sherman and his family, and I'm grateful that they are stepping up in such a major way to continue the progress we're making in ensuring that OSU is competitive at all levels nationally. Their show of support will encourage other alumni to step forward in the months and years ahead. This is clearly a new day for OSU."

"This gift will have immediate benefits, but will also have a long-term impact in recruiting, student-athlete development and postseason preparation," said Mike Gundy, OSU head football coach.

OSU Receives New Carnegie Foundation Classification

OSU is one of 76 schools in the nation selected for a new Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

"This designation reaffirms the university's commitment to having a significant impact through our work in outreach and partnerships with communities throughout the state," said OSU Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Bird.

"I want to commend Dr. Bird and her staff for recognizing the importance of a distinction like this one from the Carnegie Foundation and working toward the classification," said OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly. "As a land-grant institution, a large part of the OSU mission is to stay engaged with communities across the state of Oklahoma and continue creating partnerships that will have a positive impact on the citizens of Oklahoma both economically and socially."

The Carnegie Foundation, through the work of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, developed the first typology of American colleges and universities in 1970 as a research tool to describe and represent the diversity of U.S. higher education. The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education is used for a wide range of purposes by academic researchers, institutional personnel, policymakers and others.

The Community Engagement Classification was developed as part of an extensive overhaul of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education that began in 2006. Unlike the foundation's other classifications that rely on national data, it is an "elective" classification; institutions participate by submitting required documentation on the nature and extent of their civic engagement, outreach and partnerships regionally, nationally and internationally. The approach enabled the foundation to address elements of institutional mission and distinctiveness that are not represented in the national data on colleges and universities.

"The Community Engagement Classification is an exciting move in Carnegie's work to extend and refine the classification of colleges and universities," said Alexander McCormick, who directs the Carnegie Foundation's classification work.

OSU Foundation's Earnings Among Nation's Tops for FY '06

The OSU Foundation earned an exceptional 21.7 percent total return for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, placing it among top performing public and private universities across the country.

A www.fundfire.com article citing a Bloomberg survey of returns earned by the 25 largest educational endowments in the U.S., said only Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Yale University earned returns higher than the OSU Foundation for the fiscal year, with respective returns of 23 percent and 22.9 percent.

Preliminary National Association of College and University Business Officers data indicates OSU Foundation returns were more than double the one-year average annual rate of return of 10.7 percent for all universities.

"I could not be more pleased with the results our Foundation's endowment achieved over the last three years," said Kenneth D. Greiner Jr., chairman of the OSU Foundation Board of Trustees.

"Achieving exceptional investment performance is an integral part of the OSU Foundation's goal to provide the most resources possible for Oklahoma State University," said Kirk Jewell, OSU Foundation president and CEO.

The best performing portfolio investment during the 2006 fiscal year was the BP Capital Energy and Energy Equity funds, which represented 11 percent of the assets of the investment pool at June 30, 2006. The investment with BP Capital, which was founded by OSU graduate Boone Pickens, accounted for 40 percent, net of fees, of the 21.7 percent total return

earned by the Foundation.

The pooled investment fund at the OSU Foundation totaled \$315.6 million at June 30, 2006, and was spread over 28

different investments. Last year, its total investment return of 14.3 percent ranked in the top six percent of more than 600 foundations that reported their results.



Jason Ricks kicked a 27-yard field goal with 8.9 seconds remaining to give Oklahoma State a 34-31 victory over Alabama at the PetroSun Independence Bowl. Dantrell Savage ran for 112 yards and a touchdown and made the key play on the winning drive. He took a screen pass from Bobby Reid for 26 yards on third-and-9 to the Alabama 15 to put Ricks in prime position. Alabama tried to ice Ricks with three timeouts, but the sophomore sent the kick through the uprights as an estimated 15,000 orange-clad fans went wild. The kick gave the Cowboys (7-6) both a winning record and their first bowl victory since 2002.

Orthotics/Prosthetics Program Helps Creek Nation Diabetics, Public

An Orthotics and Prosthetics Program launched last summer and a partnership between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and OSU-Okmulgee is making it easier for diabetic tribal members to get the treatment, care and customized help they need to deal with the results of diabetes.

Keeper Johnson, National Council for the Creek Nation member, introduced legislation and was successful in obtaining more than half a million dollars for OSU-Okmulgee's Clinic to make orthotics and prosthetics for diabetic Creek citizens.

Jerry Wilson, OSU-Okmulgee's Health and Environmental Technologies Division chair, said statistics show there are more than 2,000 diabetic Creek Nation citizens in OSU-Okmulgee's immediate service area. The clinic also is open to the public.

In orthotic and prosthetic treatment, a practitioner evaluates patients, a technician fabricates and the practitioner custom-fits the artificial limb or the orthopedic brace. An orthosis is an external support for the body and can help people regain lost function. A prosthesis is an artificial limb.

OSU-Okmulgee's orthotics and prosthetics students serve as interns in the clinic as a component of their education. There are currently 14 students in the program and there is an industry shortage nationwide. Graduates can find jobs in three categories: as a technician, fitter or pedorthist.



In OSU-Okmulgee's Orthotics and Prosthetics Clinic are Jerry Wilson, Shelley Perkins, Keith Crownover, Betsy Hill, Chief A.D. Ellis, Johnnie Brasuell, Dr. Bob Klabenes, Jesse Colbert, Jr., and Keeper Johnson.



2006 OSU-OKC Nurse Science graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate for the NCLEX exam for Registered Nurses. The program has graduated nearly 3,100 students since 1969.

DHM Classes Compete on Projects

Two Design, Housing and Merchandising classes competed on class projects to provide services or products for off-campus patrons.

The Stillwater Elks Lodge asked Interior Design Small Contracts class to provide project boards for its renovation. Emily Lampe, April Whiteley and Audrey Schaefer-Phillips received the best project award from Matt Gambrell and Dale Blackburn.

Apparel Design Mass Production class collaborated with Beams Industries and Eskimo Joe's on a student project using seatbelt webbing and buckles from Beams Industries. Taking first place in the Beams contest was a tote bag designed by Sara

Hooser, Ruth Coady and Pim Kumphai. First place in the Eskimo Joe's contest was a sunburst purse designed by Karli Robertson.



Emily Lampe, Matt Gambrell, Dale Blackburn, April Whiteley and Audrey Schaefer-Phillips.

Approximately 40 students, faculty and staff attended this year's **Sitlington Lecture** in Toxicology in spite of winter weather conditions. Kendall B. Wallace, Ph.D., DABT, FATS, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Minnesota, presented "Mitochondrial Cardiomyopathy and the Compensated Metabolic State."

MBA students are helping Oklahoma businesses grow through a scholarship program that allows them to apply what they learn in the classroom and gain real-world experience. The MBA Scholars Program has joined nine students with three Oklahoma companies this school year under the supervision of Dr. Gary Frankwick, marketing associate professor. Students receive scholarships while working on yearlong projects for this year's companies: Fruity Delights LLC of Stillwater, Martin Bionics of Oklahoma City and Red's Beds LLC of Duncan.

The OSU Crops Judging Team of **Tia Nobles, Jessica Sheffield and Mat Braun,**

competed in national contests in Chicago in plant and seed identification, grain grading and seed analysis, placing sixth. Nobles placed 10th overall in individual competition. Alternates who attended were **Jerry May and Brian Sheffield.**

Josh Neil, Bixby accounting junior, has been chosen as the Orange Peel 2007 executive director. Neil, a self-employed home contractor, served as assistant sponsorship director last year.

Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996-1997, OSU has had **885 student-athletes** make the Academic All-Big 12 Team.

Wells Fargo Financial, Inc., presented the **OSU Non-Traditional Student Organization** a check for \$1,000 to fill the wishes of any angels not selected from the 2006 Angel Tree and to add to those who received only a little.

The **Indian Students' Association** recently presented a drama, music and dance extravaganza showcasing India's culture

Cowboy Covenant Enhances OHLAP

OSU is strengthening its commitment to providing an affordable college education for Oklahoma students through Cowboy Covenant, an enhancement to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program.

In addition to tuition cost covered by OHLAP, Cowboy Covenant will provide for mandatory fees and books for OHLAP students. Based on 30 credit hours, eligible students can receive up to \$2,600 in additional financial aid each year.

"Thanks to Oklahoma's forward-thinking OHLAP program, the state has made a commitment to provide tuition assistance to qualifying students," said David Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. "OSU is making a commitment with Cowboy Covenant that will make obtaining a degree at OSU even more affordable."

OHLAP tuition assistance and Cowboy Covenant support is worth nearly \$24,000 over four years for an OHLAP scholar at OSU.

There are 2,054 students enrolled at OSU, including 540 freshmen, who receive OHLAP assistance. Based on current status, Cowboy Covenant will be available to existing OHLAP students as well as incoming freshmen beginning in fall 2007.

and reflecting the festivities of a celebration known as "Diwali," also called "festival of lights." It is celebrated by both Hindus and Sikhs at the end of the rainy season, around harvest time.

Junior midfielder **Yolanda Odenyo** was named First Team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The Uppsala, Sweden, native garnered the first NSCAA All-America honor in the history of the OSU women's soccer program. Odenyo, the Big 12 Co-Player of the Year, scored five goals and recorded eight assists to lead the Cowgirls with 18 points. She helped guide OSU to a second-place finish in the Big 12, and was one of just two players from the Big 12 to receive first team honors.

Cathy Manga, Tulsa human development and family science junior, is one of 400 students from throughout the nation to receive the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S Department of State, Bureau of International Education. She is studying in Spain this semester.



Human Environmental Sciences freshmen wrapped up their first semester with “The Old Central Experience.” Students walked the halls of the university’s landmark building, which has been preserved much as it was during the early years of OSU when the new school was known as Oklahoma A&M. The class covers everything from how to study to the history and traditions of the university.

Zink Supports OSU Mini Baja Team

The John Steele Zink Foundation of Tulsa presented a \$20,000 gift to benefit mechanical engineering students participating in the national Mini Baja automobile design competition.

The Mini Baja consists of three regional competitions that simulate real-world engineering design projects and their challenges. Engineering students design and build an off-road vehicle that will survive the severe punishment of rough terrain, and of water in the East competition, according to Dr. Camille DeYong, industrial engineering

Student Grants to Benefit Non-Profits

Project proposals of Fatima Pina, Jordan nutritional sciences senior, and Andrew Hawkins, Mountain View economics senior, have been selected by the Carter Foundation to receive \$1,000 grants for funding at two local non-profit organizations in Stillwater.

The Stillwater Senior Center will receive funding for Pina’s project to upgrade nutritional and personal health support. Hawkins’ project will provide financial education materials for clients at Mission of Hope Homeless Shelter as well as for middle school and high school students in Stillwater.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education said the Carter Foundation was impressed with the quality of the proposals from Pina and Hawkins. A committee reviewed student applicants from 32 state and private higher learning institutions that are a part of the Oklahoma Campus Compact, an organization promoting civic engagement among college students.

Pina and Hawkins will be formally recognized and receive their checks at the State Regents’ meeting on Feb. 8. They will complete their projects by the end of the semester.



Fatima Pina and Andrew Hawkins

associate professor and faculty adviser.

The Mini Baja is an extracurricular club not associated with a class, so students participate on their own time.

The Zink gift will enable the team to purchase new top-of-the-line parts rather than relying on rebuilt, donated or second hand parts. OSU’s Mini Baja team has consistently placed in the top 30 percent of competitors from around the world with consistent placement in the top 10 in at least one individual event.

Ten **Agronomy Club** members attended the National American Society of Agronomy meeting in Indiana, where they toured Heartland Growers, Kakasuleff Farms and Beck’s Hybrid’s Superior Seeds and learned about the advancements of hybrid seed production. **Anthony Ruiz** took first place in the speech contest with “Can Agriculture be Both Productive and Environmentally Friendly?” **Jessica Sheffield** placed third in the visual presentation contest, and **Clint Wilcox** will be the Research Symposium section chair next year.

The reporting on violations of the state Open Records Act by some local law enforcement agencies has garnered national attention for **Matt Barnard**, a journalism senior. His article, published Nov. 30 in The Daily O’Collegian, was posted by the Society of Professional Journalists to its Freedom of Information Committee’s nationwide blog.

A total of **4,249 students** were named to OSU-Stillwater’s fall honor rolls, including 1,516 students who received all “A” grades and were named to the President’s Honor Roll.

OSU students won the **Best Delegation Award** at the recent session of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature. OSU’s delegation of 52 students, the largest in attendance, participated in every branch of the OIL government. OSU also received first-runner up for Best House Delegation and Best Senate Delegation and the award for Overall Best Delegation. Individual OSU winners were **Alex Shadid**, best house delegate, second runner-up; **Jered Davidson**, best senate delegate, honorable mention; **Justin Biassou**, best senate delegate, second runner-up; **Race Clark**, best house legislation, second runner-up; **Bonnie Blumert**, best senate legislation, honorable mention; and **Matt Beier**, best senate legislation, honorable mention. OSU also won the canned-food drive, donating almost 800 pounds of non-perishable goods.

Hotel and Restaurant Administration students recently presented Claremore leaders results from a capstone research project that studied the economic impact of tourism and feasibility of creating a convention and meeting center in the northeastern Oklahoma community. Funding for the OSU study was provided by the city, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Rogers County Industrial and Development Authority and Claremore Industrial and Economic Development Authority.

As of Jan. 8, all five campuses of the OSU System began using a single course management system called **Online Classroom (D2L)**. All students and faculty can access their online courses at one url, OC.okstate.edu by using their O-key username and password. The advantages of this system include tools like the drop-box, competencies, ease of use with many advanced features, and SIS updates that automatically run every evening. For more information visit the ITLE website <http://itle.okstate.edu/cms>.

Faculty/Staff News

Glaze Named 2006 Physical Plant Employee of the Year

Mark Glaze, an employee of the Building Trades paint shop, was honored as the 2006 Physical Plant Employee of the Year at a recent reception.

Glaze performs work and maintenance on all campus streets and parking lots. He was nominated by his peers and selected by a committee of supervisors for his hard work and dedication to OSU, including his customer skills and “can do” attitude.

He has worked for OSU for 10 years.



Rick Krysiak, right, Physical Plant director, recently presented Mark Glaze with the third annual Physical Plant Employee of the Year Award.

Kniffin Receives Edna Mae Phelps Award

Claud Kniffin of Oklahoma City received the 13th annual Edna Mae Phelps Award, the highest honor presented by the Friends of the OSU Library.

A staunch advocate for the best educational support for OSU students, Kniffin has

been a member of the Friends of the OSU Library Board of Directors since 1998. His connection with the library actually began when he accepted a student position there working in the Reserves Room as a freshman in 1936.



Dr. Steve Hull holds six-week old Chinook, an alpaca born at the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. Chinook is able to run and play with the other crias now at TimberLake Farms in Edmond.

Vet Med Saves Life of Alpaca

Dr. Steve Hull, a full-time alpaca farmer and co-owner of TimberLake Farms in Edmond, is grateful to the Food Animal Neonatal Team in the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences for saving two of his prized animals.

According to Hull, who has been raising alpacas for 10 years, this was the first time one of the dams required a C-section during delivery. The cria was born two weeks premature and developed many problems within minutes of his birth. It took a host of clinicians, residents, interns and fourth-

year veterinary students to constantly monitor his vital signs, keep him on a two-hour feeding schedule and respond to his medical problems.

Hull allowed the students to name the baby alpaca, and “Chinook” was chosen by the students. Mother Chillota and baby are doing fine and recently returned home.

Hull was so appreciative of the service he received at the teaching hospital that he opened his farm to reporters from The Oklahoman and KFOR-TV news in Oklahoma City to share his story.

More than 180 Oklahoma Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and Oklahoma Teachers for the Deaf met recently on the OSU-OKC campus. Deaf Student Services interpreters/tutors **Jeanette Buttram**, conference co-coordinator, and **Jesselyn Nakolo**, conference committee member, facilitated four workshop tracks for interpreters, teachers, deaf interpreters and educational interpreters.

Dr. William C. Edwards received the Thermo Electron Distinguished Service Award from the American Academy of Veterinary and Comparative Toxicology at their meeting held in conjunction with the U.S. Animal Health Association annual meeting in Minneapolis.

The **School of Electrical and Computer Engineering** recently observed the 300th anniversary of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, the world’s first electrical engineer, with an open house showcasing student projects and design skills. The open house also served as a celebration of student accomplishments this past year. Robots in action, improvements in home entertainment systems, advancements in medical technology and a video game brought to life through projects built by students were displayed throughout Engineering South in laboratory and operational settings.

Janet Stricklin, OSU-OKC Academic Affairs secretary, was recognized for her coordination efforts with the Westwood Elementary mentoring program. Faculty and staff members travel to Westwood Elementary each week to participate in the Lunch Bunch reading program, which allows Spanish-speaking students to read aloud to a mentor.

OSU Human Resources presented an annual Employee Services Award for outstanding work ethics to staff member **Cissy Blood**, lead data technician in Benefits. She was presented with a plaque and a check at a department holiday luncheon.

The City of Stillwater will recognize **LaDonna McCowan**, assistant extension specialist in biosystems and agricultural engineering, as a community leader who best represents King, his beliefs and his actions, during a Martin Luther King Jr., ceremony in January.

Coral White, OSU Human Resources communications specialist, received a Pinnacle Award on behalf of the Stillwater Area Human Resource Association. White is currently serving as president of SAHRA, a chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management. The Pinnacle Award, presented to only eight chapters and one state council, recognizes excellence in human resource management. It is the most prestigious chapter and state council award offered by SHRM, which represents more than 210,000 human resource professionals around the world.

Drs. Lynna and Floyd Ausburn of occupational education studies won the Outstanding Research Presentation Award at the 2006 National Career and Technical Education Research Conference. The conference, sponsored by the Association for Career and Technical Education Research, the Academy for Career and Technical Teacher Education, and Omicron Tau Theta honor society was held in Atlanta.

Aviation Education hosted a delegation from the Civil Aviation University of China in December. Presentations were made concerning the degree programs, flight simulators, and OSU's NASA education programs, according to **Dr. Steve Marks**.

Dr. Robert Darcy, Regents Professor of Political Science and Statistics, has been elected to serve on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Faculty Advisory Council. The faculty communicates with the Chancellor and the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university faculty on issues involving the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. **Dr. Russ Calhoun**, OSU-OKC, is also a member of the FAC.

Area agronomist **Roger Gribble** was given the 2006 Mr. Wheat Award by the Oklahoma wheat industry during the recent Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association annual meeting. The award was presented by Mark Hodges, executive director of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission.

Dr. Vince Quevedo, associate professor, design, housing and merchandising, was named as one of the top 40 fiber artists at the Houston International Quilt Festival. His designs will be shown throughout the U.S. as part of a traveling exhibition.

The 2006-07 OSU-OKC Distinguished Staff Award recipients are **Gil Smith**, Student Employment Services, and **Melissa Herren**, Human Resources. They were selected from nominations provided by students, staff or faculty members. Receiving 2006-07 Teaching Excellence Awards were **Julia Laughlin**, horticulture; **Gary Davis**, interpreter training; and **Linda Foster**, humanities. Laughlin received the L.E. "Dean" Stringer Award for Teaching Excellence and Davis and Foster were awarded the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Awards.

Regents Professor **Bill Raun**, plant and soil sciences, was recognized with the Werner L. Nelson Award for Diagnosis of Yield-Limiting Factors at the annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Sciences, and Soil Science Societies of America. Raun and others have developed spectral indices that predict in-season wheat and corn yields and adjust for fertilizer rates using sensor-based technology. **Jeff Edwards**, Extension small grains specialist, and several other faculty contributors, received the ASA Educational Materials Award for the No-Till Wheat Production fact sheet.

OSU-OKC Student Activities and Campus Life Director **Kristi Pendleton** is the newest winner of the Student Services "Whale Done Award." Willy the Whale is a traveling award passed to those recognized by their peers or students for going above and beyond the call of duty.

The College of Education school psychology program has been granted continuing national accreditation by the American Psychological Association. **Dr. Terry Stinnett**, professor of educational and school psychology, successfully led the group's doctoral program reaccreditation site visit. Only about 50 of the nation's 300 school psychology programs have received this accreditation. The program first received accreditation in 1997.

Jack Hill, Cardiovascular Technology Department head and professor, successfully passed the National Vascular Registry Exam. The exam certifies Hill as a Registered Vascular Specialist. Certification exams are critical to public health because they set high standards for professionals working in the field.

Dr. Michael M. Smith, history professor, gave the "kickoff lecture" for Latinos Presentes! – An Oklahoma Centennial Hispanic History Project – in Tulsa. He also serves as "Scholar in Residence" for the project.

Dr.Carolynn MacAllister, director of Veterinary Continuing Education and interim director of Veterinary Extension, was named to the board of trustees of the American Veterinary Medical Association Group Health and Life Insurance Trust.

Dr. John Wesley Lowery, educational studies associate professor, made an online presentation to a national audience in November. The webinar, FERPA for Student Affairs Administrators, was sponsored by the Council on Law in Higher Education.

Dr. Robert E. Larzelere, human development and family science associate professor, was invited to be a guest on the radio program, Afternoon News with Tom Young, on News 88.9 in St. John's, New Brunswick, Canada, where he spoke on parental spanking.

Dr. Nicholas Romano, Jr., OSU-Tulsa assistant professor of MSIS, was awarded more than \$184,000 in funding from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology for a research project to develop a Rich Internet Application designed to increase productivity. The program will be rolled out to four commercial markets: online training, software as a service subscriber, licensing and federal contractors.

Ival Gregory, Fraternity and Sorority Affairs coordinator, has been asked to go to Indianapolis to attend the National Interfraternity Council's Educational Development Center. He will help train other Greek professionals in evidence-based prevention approaches and strategic planning to help fraternity members and Greek advisers work together to eliminate alcohol from recruitment. He will mentor one of 15 schools chosen by the NIC. The NIC also will honor OSU this spring because the OSU campus all-fraternity GPA was .25 above the all-men's GPA for the spring 2006 semester and because Beta Theta Pi's 3.2727 GPA exceeded the all-men's GPA by more than .5.



“Challenge Made and Challenge Met,” an oil on canvas painting, is just one of Gary Byrd’s artworks now on display.

Byrd’s Work Displayed at Foundation Gallery

OSU alumnus and artist Gary Byrd of The Woodlands, Texas, ’76 advertising and biological science, is presenting Outdoor America: Wildlife, People and Places, a collection of original oil paintings on display Jan. 12-March 30 in the Malinda Berry Fischer Gallery at the OSU Foundation in Stillwater. Select pieces are available for sale with 30 percent of proceeds dedicated to OSU student scholarships. The collection showcases nearly 20 original pieces from his collection that reveals the beauty of the Rockies, the Western Terrain and the many golf courses and clubhouses he has encountered throughout the last 30 years.

Since beginning his “second career” at the age of 40, his artwork has been featured in Landman magazine, a national business publication, including on the cover twice. He was also selected to participate in the Oklahoma Centennial Celebration at The City Arts Center in Oklahoma City.

Byrd currently is on the senior staff at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.

Professional Education Reaccredited by NCATE

OSU’s Professional Education Unit has been awarded continuing accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and from the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

“We are very pleased with the announcement that our professional education unit at OSU has received this continued accreditation from NCATE, the most widely recognized and highest level of program review any professional education can receive, and from OCTP,” said Dr. Pamela Fry, dean of the OSU College of Education.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education is a non-profit, nongovernmental alliance of national professional education and public organizations that support quality teaching. It is the profession’s mechanism to help establish high quality teacher preparation.

The NCATE accreditation team conducted its OSU site visit for continued accreditation in April. The next accreditation visit is scheduled for 2012.

The OSU Professional Education Unit is unique in the nation because it is not exclusively housed in the College of Education.

“Our professional education unit partners are the OSU Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and Human Environmental Sciences,” Fry said.

NCATE’s performance-based system of accreditation fosters competent classroom teachers and other educators who work to improve the education of all K-12 students. NCATE believes every student deserves

a caring, competent and highly qualified teacher.

The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation voted Dec. 14 to grant continuing accreditation for the full seven years for the Professional Education Unit.

According to Fry, the state commission’s vote follows the national board vote.

“We commend Dr. Pamela Fry and her staff for the hard work and dedication to establish a quality teacher education program at your institution,” said Ted Gillispie, OCTP executive director.

Rapp Gift Benefits Veterinary Students

A \$25,000 gift from the Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation will provide cutting-edge instruction to veterinary students and advanced diagnostic imaging to clients and veterinarians in Oklahoma and surrounding states.

The gift will push the university closer toward completing the Oklahoma Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging Center, which improves the speed, efficiency and safety of acquiring diagnostics by using digital images instead of traditional radiographic film. Hospital teaching faculty and their students also can access digital images instantly from workstations throughout the hospital and distribute them to clients and referring veterinarians.

With the most recent gift to OSU, the Trustees of the Rapp Foundation have approved support totaling more than \$850,000 for the institution.



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