



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

June 20, 2008



Largest Academic Donation in Oklahoma History

A historic \$100 million academic gift from legendary energy executive, philanthropist and Oklahoma State University alumnus T. Boone Pickens on May 21 will dramatically transform OSU academic advancements by providing funds to endow major faculty chairs and professorships.

The gift, the largest single academic donation ever made to an Oklahoma university or college, is eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match through the state of Oklahoma's endowed chair program, doubling the gift's value to \$200 million.

"Without question, Boone's gift will enable us to retain and attract extraordinary faculty members better ensuring OSU students will be inspired by exceptional and accomplished professors and researchers," said OSU President Burns Hargis. "It launches us on our way to achieve big dreams. We cannot say enough about the generosity and impact Boone Pickens is having on Oklahoma State University. The scope and magnitude of his generosity is astounding and we are deeply appreciative.

"I believe this unparalleled gift from Boone will inspire others to step forward with gifts to further our pursuit of academic leadership and our vision to become a new land-grant university, one that cuts across disciplines to form a truly new structure that will better prepare students for a new world, and will expand our menu of outreach missions across our state and around the globe."

"I am privileged to give even more to my alma mater," said Pickens, founder and chair of BP Capital Management, who previously has donated approximately \$300 million to OSU. "It gives me great pleasure to make a gift, that when matched by the state, will transform academics at OSU. My goal has always

been to make OSU more competitive in all areas. I believe my donations to athletics and now this gift to academics will do just that.

"This gift is due in large part to the vision and leadership of Burns Hargis. He is absolutely the right person at the right time to be OSU president and I believe he will guide OSU to levels of success we have never seen before."

The minimum amount to endow a chair is \$500,000 and a professorship is a minimum of \$250,000. Pickens' gift will endow more than 150 chair and professorship positions in academic programs identified as priorities by the university. OSU has 101 fully funded and matched chairs and professorships today.

The gift also serves as a matching gift incentive for other OSU donors. Pickens has agreed that if other donors match a chair or

professorship, they may name the chair and determine the academic program to be supported.

"Mr. Pickens' gift makes a powerful statement about supporting OSU academic advancements and the OSU faculty," said Bob Miller,

Regents Professor and past chair of the General Faculty. "His gift challenges us to further excellence and it greatly enhances our efforts to recruit and retain outstanding faculty. Endowed chairs represent the backbone of a university that is achieving at the highest academic level."

Pickens's \$165 million gift to OSU in 2006 was the nation's largest single gift to a university athletics program. With this latest academic gift of \$100 million, Pickens, who graduated with a geology degree from OSU in 1951, has donated approximately \$400 million to OSU through gifts, pledges and waived fees.

"This most recent gift from Boone is indescribable in terms of what it means in our committed pursuit to advance and elevate OSU's academics to a new level of excellence in the world."

-- Burns Hargis



OSU Institute of Technology broke ground on its new Rural Health Science and Technology Building, a \$6 million, 23,000 square foot facility that will house the nursing program and double the number of registered nurses it graduates. The building, set to open in July 2009, will feature four classrooms, a computer lab and three nursing labs that will parallel the facilities and equipment in modern hospitals.

Downtown Farmers' Market

The Wednesday OSU-OKC Downtown Farmers' Market opened May 7, and Downtown OKC and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture partnered again with the downtown market.

Skirvin Hilton Hotel's Executive Chef Andrew Black comes to the market weekly to do cooking demonstrations. He visits vendor farms to select Oklahoma-grown products to feature and appears each Friday morning on KWTU.

The Oklahoma City Arts Council's "Out of the Box" musicians perform each week.



Forty-six students in the OSU Leadership Minor Study Abroad Tour visited Greece and Italy in May, accompanied by co-directors Steve Haseley and Steve Harrist. One of the sites they visited was the Vatican Museum.

OSU Residency Program Scores Top in Nation

The internal medicine residency program at OSU Medical Center earned the highest score among 81 osteopathic medicine internal residency programs in the nation on the American College of Osteopathic Internists 2008 Resident In-Service Examination.

Shannon Boughner, D.O., a fourth-year resident, earned the highest national individual score.

The Resident In-Service exam is an annual national exam given to all internal medicine residents to evaluate their knowledge and to see how they are progressing. The mean scores from each residency program are compared to see how the program ranks nationwide. OSU Medical Center internal medicine program has had the highest mean scores in the nation for nine consecutive years.

Two More Receive Fulbright Assistantships

Christy Miller of Broken Arrow will be teaching in Germany and Evan Black of Stillwater has been assigned to Chile as OSU's two newest Fulbright Teaching Assistantship recipients.

Christy Milliken of Edmond, a May English and economics graduate, was notified earlier of her selection for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, which places students in overseas schools to improve foreign students' English language abilities and knowledge of the U.S. She will be teaching English in Indonesia.

"OSU had one Fulbright Scholar last year, and three this year," said Stephen Hallgren, OSU Fulbright adviser and associate professor of natural resource ecology and management. "My goal is to have three to five a year."

Miller received one of 140 English Teaching Assistantships in Germany and will be placed as an assistant teacher in an English class at a German school where she may conduct all or part of a class, typically for conversation practice. Her assistantship runs from September through the end of June 2009.

Black was awarded one of 10 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships in Chile. Her grant will begin mid-March 2009 and will end in mid-January 2010. The Fulbright Commission in Chile and the Ministry of Education will match her with a university to be assigned as a language-learning assistant.



Miller



Black

Bailey Scholarships Awarded to Students

Twenty OSU students have been chosen for the Bailey Family Memorial Trust Scholarship to study abroad.

This year's recipients and destinations are Randall Armstrong, Mexico; Christopher Barker, Spain; Tessa Brawley, Spain; Sarah Cravey, Spain; Melissa Dalton, Spain; Kristina Dicks, Peru; Ashley Ellis, Mexico; Melinda Faulkner, Germany; and Lindsey Hamm, Mexico.

Other students receiving the Bailey Scholarship include Benjamin Histand, France/Germany; Katy Kenslow, Mexico; Brandon McVey, Switzerland; Jade Meints, Spain; Meaghan Roberts, Spain; Stacy Smith, Costa Rica; Ryan Sullivan, Mexico; Ellen Tines, England; James Trent, Belgium; Hayley Zimmerman, Spain; and Jannah Zubaidi, Lebanon.



OSU Institute of Technology signed the agreement with Rolex Watch U.S.A. on May 9 in which Rolex became the exclusive industry financial underwriter of the watchmaking and microtechnology program. Signing were OSU President Burns Hargis; Senior Vice President of Technical Operations for Rolex Watch U.S.A. Charles Berthiaume; OSU Institute of Technology President Bob Klabenes; American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute Executive Director Jim Lubic; and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Kermit McMurry.

OSU Designated National Center

The Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency have designated OSU a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Research.

The Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education and CAE-Research programs are operated in support of the President's National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, February 2003. OSU was recognized as a CAE in 2005 and is among the first schools to receive the coveted CAE-R designation.

These programs are to reduce vulnerabilities in the national information infrastructure by promoting higher education in information assurance and increasing the number of capable information assurance graduates in the United States.

"With graduates in computer science, management information systems, electrical and computer engineering and telecommunications management all completing significant projects or theses in information assurance, OSU is producing diverse and highly trained specialists in the area who can immediately go to work in a variety of domains," said Mark Weiser, Spears School of Business associate dean and Center for Telecommunications and Network Security director.

"The CTANS faculty group brought more than \$3 million in external funding to OSU in this fiscal year alone, with more committed for next year," Weiser said.

A major initiative is developing and housing the National Repository of Digital Forensic Intelligence, a facility for sharing critical forensic knowledge among federal, state and local law enforcement officials.



The Grand Opening of the OSU-Oklahoma City Public Safety Training Center was held June 20. The ceremony included tours of the new facility at 3501 W. Reno Avenue.



Stephen McKeever, OSU vice president for Research and Technology Transfer, and OSU President Burns Hargis learn about unmanned aerial systems from Edward Sweeney of Republic Aero at the grand opening of the OSU University Multispectral Laboratories in Ponca City.

UML Opens Doors in Ponca City on June 3

The OSU University Multispectral Laboratories in Ponca City, a national center focused on the test, evaluation and implementation of defense, homeland security, energy and intelligence systems, officially opened June 3.

Wholly owned by OSU and operated by Triton Scientific, an Oklahoma business, the OSU-UML brings researchers together with government and industry to rapidly and efficiently advance new technologies and capabilities to the end user.

"The UML is a shining example of the power of partnerships," said OSU President Burns Hargis.

"The OSU-UML will change the landscape of the sensor industry," said Stephen McKeever, OSU vice president for Research and Technology Transfer and executive director of the OSU-UML. "The UML will be a national resource for researchers, companies and the government and will facilitate the process of delivering necessary technologies to our nation's first responders."

As a government-owned, contractor-operated facility, the OSU-UML is similar to national labs such as Los Alamos in both structure and operation.

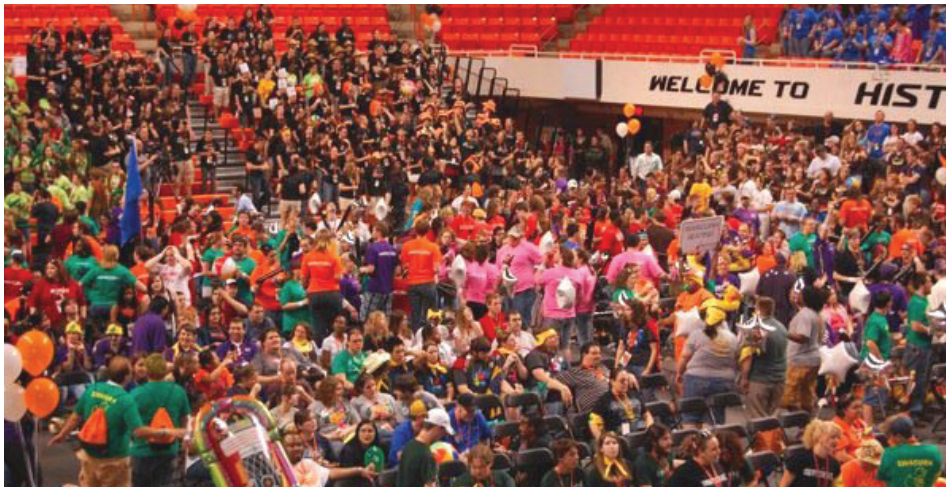
Staff has worked since December 2006 to establish infrastructure, build capabilities, and engage in research and assessments, and June 3 marked the completion of the first phase of renovations to Research East, the facility donated to OSU by ConocoPhillips in Ponca City. Renovations to the entire facility should be complete by 2010.

An economic analysis of the OSU-UML projects a \$140 million positive economic impact on Ponca City over the next 10 years.

In addition to the \$2 million Ponca City investment, ConocoPhillips provided another \$2 million and donated the 70,000-square-foot laboratory to OSU. More than \$3.1 million has been appropriated by the U.S. Congress to support sensor development and other security-related technology. The state of Oklahoma has appropriated more than \$6.6 million to construct and renovate OSU-UML facilities.



Cessna President and CEO Jack Pelton, OSU Flying Aggies President Zach Countryman, Flying Aggies executive Elizabeth Groom and Pinnacle Airlines President and CEO Phil Trenary were among those celebrating the 60th anniversary of the OSU Flying Aggies on April 19. In addition to their banquet, the Flying Aggies hosted a spectacular Air Fest and held a reception for all current and former Flying Aggies. Also taking part in the event was Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins.



Opening ceremonies in Gallagher-Iba Arena

Residence Halls Host Leadership Conference

OSU student residence hall leaders hosted the 54th National Association of College and University Residence Halls national leadership development conference in May.

More than 2,000 students from over 250 universities across the U.S, Canada and Mexico were on campus for “Rockin’ and Rollin’ Through Leadership—Express Your Passions.” Student leaders from attending schools presented more than 160 programs over four days, with topics ranging from roommate conflicts, diversity issues, stress and time management, programming in the

residence halls, and working in student affairs.

Amanda Mollet, graduate student and conference adviser, praised the work of Tulsa athletic training senior Emily Morgenstern and her crew.

“The amount of time and spirit that the volunteers have put into making this conference a success was just unbelievable,” Mollet said. “They gave so much of themselves and we are so proud of all of their efforts.”



The College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Student Council was named the nation’s best at the National Association of Engineering Student Councils conference in Chicago. Executive team members were Rusty Wallace, David Eyster, Ashley Butterworth, President Courtney Timmons, Vice President Grant McCool and Justin Roberts. The council was praised for its support of students, outreach, recruitment, leadership development, philanthropic and community service.

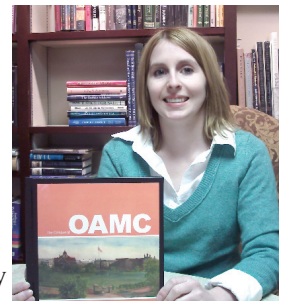
Mudroch Named OSU Top Student Employee

Ruth Mudroch, Owasso senior art major, was selected as the 2007-08 OSU Student Employee of the Year in the annual recognition program sponsored by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and OSU Career Services.

She also was named regional Student Employee of the Year by the Southern Association of Student Employment Administrators. Chosen from among more than 50 students from 19 institutions in the 12-state region, she is the second OSU student to receive the SASEA award since 2005.

Mudroch has worked the past two years at the OSU Library and distinguished herself when the prospective publisher of “The Campus OAMC” withdrew its offer to design the coffee table book. Working with the publisher and uniting Special Collections and the communications and publications offices, she took on the library’s in-house design of the book as well as project manager duties.

SEOTY finalists were Lindsey Schultheiss, Collinsville; Sandra Ward, South Fork, Colo.; Katy Brookman, Hollis; Joshua Higgs, Garden City, Mo.; and Heather Custar, Perkins.

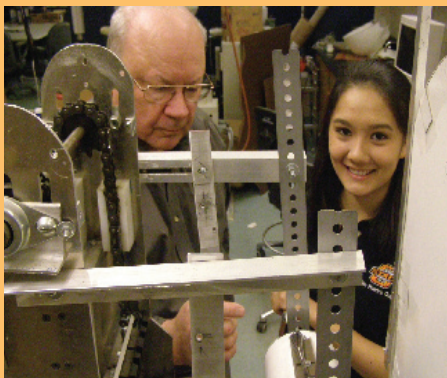


Mudroch



OSU Institute of Technology Visual Communications students won 41 of the 135 awards presented at the 22nd Annual Brass Ring Awards competition at Oklahoma Christian University, and seven OSU-Stillwater students took home 10 awards. Twenty-two universities and 17 high schools competed in the national competition that included 949 entries from 14 states. Alan Ulloa, OSU-IT student from Fort Smith, foreground, took a first place award in color photography.

Heather Beem of Norman and Larry Hoberock, professor and head of mechanical and aerospace engineering, work with a silverware sorting prototype she helped design and build in the school’s Robotics Laboratory. Beem, a May graduate, received a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship worth \$232,500 and will join the mechanical and oceanographic engineering program that MIT offers in conjunction with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. She will work on underwater robotics as part of her studies in the joint master’s/Ph.D. degree program.





May graduate **Hideyoshi Shigeta**, bottom left, his brother **Kuni**, and back row, sister **Shino**, father **Kinoyuki**, mother **Setu**, and sister **Akari**, celebrated his graduation at the Stillwater home of **Gary Goetz**. The Shigeta family is from the Stillwater Sister City of **Kameoka**, and all four children are now **OSU grads**.

Phillip Rogers, Edmond mechanical engineering senior, is conducting research this summer at the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur, India. His travel and three-month stay were funded by an International Research Experiences for Engineers supplement to a National Science Foundation grant held by **Raman Singh**, mechanical and aerospace engineering associate professor.

The NCAA recognized the OSU's men's golf team, women's outdoor track and field squad and women's indoor track and field squad for being rated among the **top 10 percent in America for academic progress**. OSU's men's golf team has a perfect score of 1,000 and is being honored by the NCAA for the second straight year.

OKAMP Scholar **Laticia Rivera**, a Stillwater biochemistry and molecular biology senior, along with **Blake McMahon**, Tulsa political science sophomore, and **Renee Hale**, Hopewell Junction, N.Y., chemical engineering senior, gave oral presentations at the 22nd National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Salisbury University in Maryland.

The OSU-OKC irrigation installation class installed a new system at the new offices of AMC Industries in Oklahoma City, and the **landscape design theory** class community service project worked with a local landscape architect to provide a master plan for Wesley Methodist Church.

The OSU Foundation recognized **Audra Stubbs** of Muskogee, **Christiane Rudd** of Tulsa and **Jenna Brown** of Durant as the top three Cowboy Callers for 2007–08. With their combined efforts they raised \$96,209 of the total \$525,000 raised by the 29-member student telemarketing group.

College of Arts and Sciences Top 10 Seniors were **Evan Black**, Stillwater, public relations and Spanish; **Starla Blackwell**, Oklahoma City, economics, philosophy and political science; **Kassidy Conway**, Durant, interior design and public relations; **Edward El Rassi**, Stillwater, chemistry; **Megan McGuire**, Ardmore, public relations; **Christy Milliken**, Edmond, economics and English; **Michael Reel**, Oklahoma City, political science; **Tanner Tebow**, Lamont, sports broadcast journalism; **Jessica Ward**, Perry, political science and public relations; and **Joshua Ward**, Edmond, cell and molecular biology.

Erica Dissmore is one of four U.S. veterinary students selected to take part in the USDA Veterinary Services training courses and will travel to Seattle for three days this summer. The USDA program provides high caliber veterinary students a closer look at possible careers in public practice.

OSU-OKC international student **Sanjay Sah**, Nepal, represented OSU-OKC at the International Student Awareness Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on March 24.

Jonathan Stanfield, Stratford; **Tyler Rains**, Jenks; **Rodney Crosby**, Hitchita; and **Joey Davis**, Quinlan, OSU-IT air conditioning and refrigeration students, received \$400 scholarships from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers.

Kevin Ortega, Midwest City athletic training senior, leaves for Florida in July as an intern for the Miami Dolphins athletic training staff. After accepting the internship, he also got offers from the New Orleans Saints and the Dallas Cowboys.



"The Enigma," the 3.17 pound entry by **Team OSU-Black** in the 2008 AIAA Student Design/Build/Fly Competition in Wichita, won \$2,500 for first place, and **Team OSU-Orange** won \$1,000 for third place. The mechanical and aerospace engineering students will present their designs at the 2008 Aircraft Technology, Integration and Operations Conference.

The College of Human Environmental Sciences 2008 outstanding undergraduate student is **Melissa Grace Oliver**, Tulsa, human development and family science, and outstanding Ph.D. student is **Ji Hye Kang** of Korea. The 2008 Seniors of Excellence are **Courtney Lasater**, Tulsa, design, housing and merchandising; **Ashley Shelley**, Grove, human development and family science; **Brandon Fimple**, Vinita, hotel and restaurant administration; **Eunice Menja**, Kenya, human development and family science; **Margee Edwards**, Texarkana, Ark., nutritional sciences; and **Amy Branham**, Nowata, nutritional sciences.

The OSU student chapter of American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians was named the **2008 Student Chapter of the Year** at the ACOP national meeting.



Whitley

Derick Whitley received the Dean Clarence McElroy Award, the highest honor a veterinary student can achieve. Named in memory of the college's first dean, the honor is voted on by fourth-year classmates and faculty.

Clay Matthews, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has published "Superfecta," a collection of poetry available from Ghost Road Press. A May graduate, he received the English Department's highest honor for a doctoral student, the Clinton Keeler Scholarship.

Arpelar news-editorial senior **Jaelyn Cosgrove** was named one of "the 100 best student journalists" in the country by UWire, a student-powered wire service and student membership organization. She will serve as fall editor-in-chief of the OSU student newspaper, The Daily O'Collegian.

Wrestler **Nathan Morgan** and soccer player **Niccole Grimaldi** are OSU's Male and Female Student-Athletes of the Year.

The *Cowboy Journal's* Fall 2007 issue took first place and the Spring 2008 issue took second place in the class project category at the Public Relations Society of America-OKC Chapter Zenith Awards competition.

Ashley Nichols of McAlester and **Christine Simecka** of Mansfield, Texas, are among 43 students accepted into the Morris Animal Foundation's Veterinary Student Scholars Program.

Agarwal Elected To Royal Society

Girish Agarwal, OSU Regents Professor of Physics and a leader in quantum optics, has been elected to the Fellowship of The Royal Society.

Fellows of the United Kingdom's national academy of science are leaders in the fields of science, engineering and medicine. He joins people like David Attenborough, the face and voice of British natural history, and Stephen Hawking, a theoretical physicist best known for his bestseller "A Brief History of Time."

"Election to a Fellowship of The Royal Society is regarded as the highest accolade a scientist in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth can receive, next to a Nobel Prize," said Peter M.A. Sherwood, Regents Professor and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Agarwal

Agarwal has been a world leader in the field of quantum optics for more than 25 years. His monograph "Quantum Optics," which introduces new theoretical techniques, has

been cited more than 600 times.

He has won Germany's Humboldt Research Award, the Max Born prize of the Optical Society of America and the Third World Academy of Sciences Prize in Physics.



Hundreds of Oklahomans turned back to the age of hippies, peace anthems and political tensions for the 2008 Oklahoma Chautauqua at OSU-Tulsa. "A Time for Every Purpose: America in the 1960s" was the theme for the June 2-7 living history program. Karen Vuranch portrayed Julia Child, chef, author and television personality.



OSU President Burns Hargis rode his bicycle to work on May 16 to participate in national Bike-to-Work Day. As part of a campus-wide initiative, OSU encouraged students, faculty and staff to ride their bikes to work in order to promote fitness as well as help the environment.

Seretean Trust Benefits Five OSU Areas

The OSU Foundation has received nearly \$5 million in securities through a trust established by the late M.B. "Bud" Seretean to benefit two named facilities, two colleges and the university's athletic department.

In accordance with the terms set forth by his charitable remainder unitrust, one-third of the securities left to OSU will support operations of the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts; one-third will support operations of the Seretean Wellness Center; and the remaining one-third will be allocated 30 percent each to the Spears School of Business and the OSU men's varsity golf program and 20 percent each to the College of Human Environmental Sciences and the OSU athletic department.

Seretean provided primary funding for the M.B. Seretean Center for the Performing Arts and for the Seretean Wellness Center, making him the only individual to have two separate campus buildings named on his behalf.

Journalism Program Receives Reaccreditation

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications recently reaccredited the School of Journalism and Broadcasting.

The council conducts voluntary reviews for schools with professional journalism and mass communications programs. Programs are reviewed every six years.

OSU is one of only 112 journalism programs to be recognized and has one of the longest accredited programs in the country.

Researchers Receive OCAST Grants

OSU researchers have received grants totaling more than \$450,000 from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology through its competitive programs that award funding to Oklahoma businesses, universities and non-profit organizations.

They will use the funding to help accelerate developments ranging from futuristic insulation for airliners and simple and highly sophisticated methods to detect explosive and biological agents, to green, cost-effective production of fertilizer and techniques that mimic viruses in plants to deliver materials that optimize their gene expression.

Receiving grants were Janet Cole, horticulture and landscape architecture professor; Hongbing Lu, mechanical and aerospace engineering professor; Yu Mao, biosystems and agricultural engineering professor; Allen Apblett, chemistry professor; Jeanmarie Verchot-Lubicz, entomology and plant pathology associate professor; and A. Kaan Kalkan, mechanical and aerospace engineering assistant professor.

Bridge to Doctorate LSAMP Program Receives NSF Grant

Oklahoma State University has been awarded a grant of \$987,000 from the National Science Foundation for a two-year project to support the Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridge to the Doctorate program.

The Bridge to the Doctorate initiative will bring to the OSU-Stillwater campus LSAMP scholars who have completed the bachelor's degree in a targeted science, technology, engineering or mathematics discipline and who have identified the Ph.D. as their educational goal.

Applications are being encouraged from students in these disciplines, particularly those from traditionally under-represented minority groups.

The new program will be directed by Cornell Thomas, OSU vice president for Institutional Diversity, and Gordon Emslie, physics professor, dean of the Graduate College, and associate vice president for research. Kay Porter will serve as program manager and Fara Williams will be the data coordinator.

Heather K. Moberly was elected to the chair cycle of the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association for 2008–11.

Stanley Grogg, osteopathic medicine pediatrics professor, received the 2008 Harold H. Finkel Pediatrician of the Year Award at the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians in April for outstanding activity in the community as a pediatrician or child advocate demonstrating humanism in pediatrics.

Susan Little, Krull-Ewing Chair in Veterinary Pathobiology, took part in the 3rd International Canine Vector-borne Disease Symposium in Germany. The world forum consists of 34 members from nine countries who are international experts in veterinary parasitology. Little is one of five U.S. members.

Gary Slick, OSU-CHS associate dean of graduate medical education and former associate dean for academic affairs, received the Robert A. Kistner Award from the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine in recognition of contributions to osteopathic medical education and the osteopathic profession.

OSU Agricultural Communications Services' **Don Stotts**, **Craig Woods**, **Vince Giannotti** and **Garvin Quinn** took part in the 2008 International Association for Communications Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences in Michigan. Stotts has served as Oklahoma representative since 2002. Giannotti chairs the Graphic Design Special Interest Group.

An Chen, English assistant professor, received the Daniel Horowitz Award for the best article in 2007 in the international journal *English for Specific Purposes*.

Kent Sampson, Campus Life director and Student Union associate director, received a 2008 Diamond Honoree Award from the American College Personnel Association Educational Leadership Foundation for his outstanding and sustained contributions to higher education and to student affairs.

Joyce Montgomery, OSU Service-Learning Volunteer Center coordinator, judged secondary and post-secondary student projects at the National Business Professionals of America Conference in Reno.

Barry Ball, **Cynthia Bennett**, **David Eller**, **Mark Jones**, **Sherri Longan**, **Melissa Noakes**, **Kari Pratt**, **Douglas Stevenson** and **Lois Strate** received \$300 Staff Advisory Council Scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year. Receiving one semester scholarships were **Laura Martin** and **Tiffany Dickson**, according to **Tara Gladden-Graham**, SAC Scholarship Committee chair and SAC vice chair.



Solar panels have been added to bus shelters on the campus and around Stillwater to illuminate them at night.

A research proposal by **Deming Gou**, research assistant professor in the Lung Biology and Toxicology Laboratory, has been approved for funding by the American Heart Association, South Central Affiliate. The two-year \$140,000 grant allows him to study the microRNA function in the lung.

The Department of Computer Science and Central Rural Electric Cooperative signed a strategic alliance on April 3 to develop an Internet community for online users. Present were **David Swank**, CREC chief executive officer; **C.D. Mihura**, CREC board of trustees president; **Peter M.A. Sherwood**, arts and sciences dean; and **Subhash Kak**, OSU computer science head.

Catreana Bennett, OSU-OKC Precision Driving Training Center administrative director, is one of nine winners worldwide to receive the 2008 Champion Award from North American Occupational Safety and Health. A member of the American Society of Safety Engineers' Oklahoma Chapter executive board, she was nominated for her involvement in promoting safety to community and businesses through the annual OSU-OKC Family Health and Safety Day.

Tutors at **The Learning Center** at OSU-OKC have received Level One certification from the College Reading and Learning Association.

Barbara J. Walker, reading education professor, was installed as the 2008-09 president of the International Reading Association Board of Directors.

Edralina Lucas, nutritional sciences assistant professor, received the Marguerite Scruggs Award for Early Career Meritorious Research from the College of Human Environmental Sciences. **Jane Swinney**, design, housing and merchandising assistant professor, received the Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Adviser Award and **Tay Kennedy**, nutritional sciences associate professor, was named the Outstanding Graduate Mentor. Outstanding Staff are **Rita Ryan** and **Mitchell Clark**.

Pathology professor **Edward Goljan** and pediatrics associate professor **Christine Clary** are the OSU-CHS Regents' 2008 Distinguished Teaching Award recipients. Clary received the Distinguished Teaching Award for Clinical Education and Goljan received the Distinguished Teaching Award for Biomedical Science.

Sherry Eastman, osteopathic medicine program specialist for rural medical education, received the first "Above and Beyond" award created in her honor by the medical school's Class of 2009 for her extraordinary effort and service to students.



Eastman

Steve Harrist, educational psychology associate professor, received the first Outstanding Faculty Study Abroad Leader Award during the Campus Life President's Leadership Recognition Ceremony. He developed the OSU Undergraduate Leadership Certificate Program, which state regents approved in 2007 as the OSU Leadership Minor.

OSU-OKC's **Certified Nurse Aid program** received the Governor's Commendation for creating partnerships with other organizations, improving customer service and satisfaction and greatly improving employee.

Physical Plant Computing and Information Services employee **Jennifer Scott** was selected Physical Plant Employee of the Year. Scott started work in July 2000.

OSU System Receives Numerous Gifts in Support of Students, Programs

OSU has received numerous gifts during the past few weeks, including:

--Two planned gifts totaling \$10 million from **Harold Ivie** of San Mateo, Calif., will benefit the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. The endowments, funded through charitable remainder trusts, will primarily benefit small animal medicine and basic sciences once the principal investments reach \$100 million each. Ivie was in the second class to graduate from OAMC's veterinary school in 1952.

--A trust gift of more than \$700,000 from the estate of Italian immigrant Salvatore "Silver" Tesone, architecture '21, will fund the **Betsy Tesone Endowed Scholarship** for an architecture student who demonstrates merit and financial need. To ensure the financial security of his daughter, born with cerebral palsy, he established a trust to provide for her care, stipulating upon her death half of the remaining sum would go to the OSU School of Architecture. Tesone helped draft early standards for handicapped access to buildings while working for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



OSU Foundation President Kirk Jewell, SNB Bank of Tulsa President David York, OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl and OSU President Burns Hargis

OSU-Tulsa's Second Endowed Scholarship

SNB Bank of Tulsa, a division of Stillwater National Bank, has donated \$50,000 to OSU-Tulsa to establish a permanent scholarship fund to support undergraduate students.

The \$50,000 endowed scholarship, the second President's Distinguished Scholarship established at OSU-Tulsa, will create the Stillwater National Bank President's Distinguished Scholarship at OSU-Tulsa.

OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl accepted the gift from David York, SNB Bank of Tulsa president, during the President's Council Spring Reception.

Trennepohl said the continuing support of local businesses and private donors has resulted in more than \$87,000 worth of scholarships being awarded last year.

--The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences received a \$100,000 gift from the **McCasland Foundation in Duncan** for the Small Animal Critical Care Unit upgrade. The foundation will name the Quiet Room with its \$100,000 gift. It will be a special room for anesthesia and post-surgical recovery patients, those who need a noise-dampened environment and/or special needs that require less environmental stimuli, such as cardiac intensive care patients.

--The **Dana, Lisa and Chris Tiger Endowed Scholarship Fund**, established by friends of Dana Tiger to benefit an OSU art student, is named for the three children of renowned American Indian artist Jerome Tiger, who died at age 26. It will be administered by the Multicultural Student Center.

--The **Arthur L. Reed Endowed Chair** to encourage excellence in teaching, research and outreach, with emphasis on developing soil management practices to meet the needs of changing agriculture, comes from an estate gift from cotton and cattle farmer Arthur Reed of Cox City. He left his estate of more than \$900,000 to the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

--The **Construction Technologies Department at the OSU Institute of Technology** received approximately \$20,000 in new

equipment from Square D/Schneider Electric for students' use in the motors and controls lab. It was made possible by Kevin Gilliam of Stuart C. Irby Co. and Ed Sittler of Square D/Schneider Electric.

--Hawaiian coffee farmer Paul Sterling donated more than 1,500 pounds of **Dr. Paulo's Kona Coffee & Macadamia Nut Farms** coffee beans, valued at more than \$35,000, to the OSU's Ranchers Club. Sterling, who has three OSU degrees, including a '66 entomology Ph.D., and his wife, Mary Belle, '64 business, began farming Kona coffee in 1999. Their first gift of 50 pounds of premier beans was in 2005.

--The OSU Women's Health Center at the OSU Health Care Center in Tulsa received a \$5,600 grant from the **Susan G. Komen Tulsa Race for the Cure**. The funds will provide transportation for women who have breast health related appointments.

--The OSU Student Foundation received \$4,200 from a student-led scholarship campaign, "Cowboy Spirit," to secure donations from current OSU students. The 33-member student group, known as StuFu, sold more than 400 T-shirts to promote philanthropy and create OSU's first student endowed scholarship fund.

Rainbolts Endow Ag Chair to Honor Hargis

The Rainbolt family of Oklahoma City honored OSU President Burns Hargis with a \$500,000 gift for an endowed chair in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. It will be valued at \$1 million thanks to a dollar-for-dollar match by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Inspired by Hargis' commitment to education, the family established the chair in agricultural finance because of their belief in Oklahoma's agriculture industry and rural communities, according to H.E. "Gene" Rainbolt, chair of BancFirst.



Robert. E Whitson, vice president, dean and director of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; OSU President Burns Hargis; Gene Rainbolt, BancFirst chairman; and David Rainbolt, BancFirst President and CEO.

Bohannon Establishes Political Science Prize

The OSU Foundation announced the establishment of the Bohannon Award

for Excellence by Paul Bohannon, '72 political science, a partner at Andrews Kurth LLP law firm in The Woodlands, Texas.



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The annual \$600 cash prize award was fully funded at \$15,000 by Bohannon, a Del City native who wanted to give back to his university while recognizing one student each year who exemplified the same traits and qualities that have navigated him through a successful career.

Dacia Brooks, Bray political science senior, is the first recipient of the Bohannon Award for Excellence in Political Science.